

SPARK SUNDAY

September 9, 2018

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prelude **Andante tranquillo, from Sonata III** F. Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, services, and activities,
All: but the same Spirit, Lord, and God who activates all of them in everyone.
Leader: Celebrating all of our God-given gifts and abilities,
All: let us worship God together.

***Hymn #430** **Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!**

***Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer** Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you sent Jesus among us to be the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people, and to remind us of the path you call us to follow. Yet, we confess that our sin and our pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor and ignore the needy, so we can selfishly pursue our own interests. We fall short of glorifying you in all we say and all we do. Forgive us, Lord, for all the ways in which we have fallen short. Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture true life as your children.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Friends, say the good news with me...
**All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Gloria Patri** Hymn #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

*Lighting the Peace Candle and Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

*Following the Children's Moment children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel.
All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9 (pew Bible OT, p. 670)
New Testament Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20 (pew Bible NT, p. 4)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

"Add Some More Color to Your Life" Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Commissioning Prayer and Prayers of the People

Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem **Ye Servants of God** D. Halls

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, And publish abroad his wonderful name:
The name all victorious of Jesus extol: His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.
God ruleth on high, almighty to save; And still he is nigh, his presence we have:
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son:
The praises of Jesus, the angels proclaim, Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
Then let us adore, and give him his right: All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above, And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.*

***Doxology** Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

***Hymn #435** **We All Are One in Mission**

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude **Finale, from Symphony No. 1** L. Vierne

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, September 9

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
- 9:15 a.m. SPARK SUNDAY Breakfast and Festivities (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 p.m. MS Youth Group (Dendy House)
- 5:00 p.m. Run/Walk With God (Rear Parking Lot)
- 5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126)
- 6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group (FH/HS Youth Room)

Monday, September 10

- 9:00 a.m. GME Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 10:00 a.m. PW Horizon Morning Circle (Officers' Room)
- 10:00 a.m. PW Book Circle (Library)
- 10:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (HS Youth Room)
- 4:00 p.m. Presbyterian Cemetery Committee (Officers' Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Weekday School Board Meeting (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 6:00 p.m. PW & Men's Fellowship Kickoff Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts' Court of Honor (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

Tuesday, September 11

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
- 4:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Officers' Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth Committee (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Scout Room)

Wednesday, September 12

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Motion (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)

Thursday, September 13

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:00 a.m. PW Young Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 10:30 a.m. WC Morning Devotion
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Ringers (Bell Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for September: Dorothy Niles 384-1680 and Diana Smack 384-7046.

Holy Motion: A program for all senior adults, join us Wednesday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall) for devotion, movement, and drama with *The Good Samaritan*. If you need a ride, please contact the church at 384-6231 by noon on Tuesday, September 11. **Please use Fellowship Hall entrance and park in the rear lot.**

Who's on First? For those who have joined in the past couple of years and visitors who are interested in joining, we will be having a New Members' Class Sundays from 9:30-10:15, Sept. 16 through Oct. 7 in the Officers' Room. Come to learn the ins and outs of the church, history, how to get involved, polity, and Worship + 2. See Peter or Chad for more information.

Blood Drive Sign-Up: First Presbyterian hosts the Rivermont Area Churches' Blood Drive on Wed., Sept. 19, from 12-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Blood donors and volunteer helpers can sign up using the links below or on the FPC Facebook page. If you prefer, you may call/e-mail Tracy Baker (384-2683 or swee2ths@comcast.net). To donate blood: redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code: FPC!!! Volunteers are needed to staff the registration table/canteen and to provide snacks for the blood donors. **Please Give Blood! Donating blood makes a BIG difference in the lives of others.**

Adult Care Center: Volunteers are needed October 5-7 for the SML Charity Home Tour. More information, including a volunteer form, can be found on the bulletin board near the restrooms on the main hall.

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