



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 20, 2017—20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

**People:** *Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

Leader: Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

**People:** *And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

#### \*HYMN

*"Here in this Place"*

No. 401

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of beauty and purpose, with faithfulness you created everything and called it good. You formed your people with everlasting love. But we have discounted and ignored those you have made in your image. We have diminished their potential and dampened their spirits. We have neither comforted their cries nor taken delight in their laughter. We have considered their wisdom to be folly. Forgive us, O God. Instill in us a deep sense of respect for all your children, so that we may receive with honor the gifts they have to offer through your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whom you sent to show us your unfathomable love.

*(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is merciful toward us and listens to our honest prayers. Our thoughts and deeds are fully known to God, who is eager to forgive and to lead us to new understandings. When we earnestly seek God's help, we are set free to discover new opportunities. Even in the worst of circumstances, God works with us to bring some good and to preserve life. Friends, believe the good news...

**People:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

#### GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

#### ANTHEM

### THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 91:14-16

Matthew 15:21-28

#### SERMON

*"The Day the Gospel Went to the Dogs"*

Rev. Nancy Williams-Berry

### SENDING

#### \*HYMN

*"Today We All Are Called to be Disciples of the Lord"*

No. 757

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Declaration of Faith (PCUSA))

I believe in God, Maker of an unfinished world, who calls us to participate in bringing about the fullness of creation; God, who created abundant resources to provide for all; God, who has not divided people into rich and poor, owners and slaves; not pitted us against each other because of race, color, social class or sex.

I believe in Jesus Christ who was ridiculed, tortured and executed for the sins of humankind. He has overthrown the rule of evil and injustice and continues to judge and redeem the hatred and arrogance of human beings.

I believe in the Spirit of God whose flame comforts us with divine presence and causes our hearts to burn for justice and righteousness. I believe in the reconciling power of God in my life and in the world. I believe that God, through people, can bring peace and hope, justice and equality, the relief of suffering and pain, and the final triumph of love and grace.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### \*DOXOLOGY

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \*HYMN

*"Come Sing, O Church, In Joy"*

No. 305

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

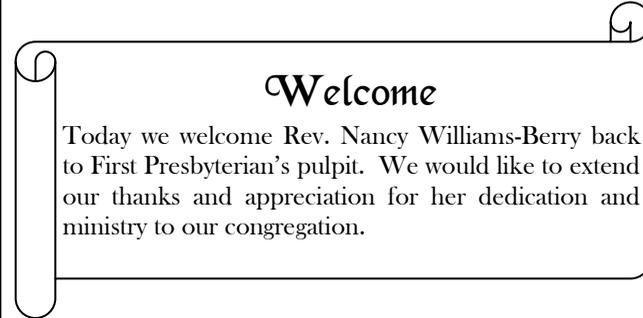
**GOOD MORNING!** We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

<b>Today</b> (8/20)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>Mon</b> (8/21)	9:00a 6:30p	Bulletin Information Due Sweet Adelines
<b>Tue</b> (8/22)	1:00p 5:00p	Decorative Painting Ministry Weight Watchers
<b>Wed</b> (8/23)	9:00a 9:30a 5:30p 6:30p 7:00p	Wt. Watchers Men's Bible Study Christian Ed Committee Meeting Mission Committee Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thu</b> (8/24)	5:30p	The Next 56 Days
<b>Fri</b> (8/25)		No Scheduled Church Activities
<b>Sat</b> (8/26)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
<b>Sun</b> (8/27)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service

**Rent-A-Youth:** Don't Forget! If you need any yard work done, household repairs, odds & ends work, please contact Amy Evans and **rent our youth to do the work!**

**Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.**



**Serving Today (Aug 20)**

Greeters: Lorna Foster, Winnie Theobald  
 Ushers: Faye Hodges, Rusty Sudderth  
 Lay Reader: Rich Tincher

**Serving Next Sunday (Aug 27)**

Greeters: Burch Idol, Becky Collins  
 Ushers: Faye Hodges, Rusty Sudderth  
 Lay Reader: Lorna Foster

**Please fill out prayer request cards.**

This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.

Thank you for your assistance!

