



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Tell the whole congregation of God's people: This is a day for new beginnings.

People: This is a time of God's appearing. This is the moment for faithful response.

Leader: Praise God in the assembly of the faithful. Make melody to God and sing a new song.

People: Praise God for life enriched by love. Praise God for love that fulfills God's law.

Leader: This is the hour to wake from our sleep. The energy of God's love fills this place.

People: Here we claim our identity as Christians. Here we become the church of Jesus Christ.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" No. 305

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have not been faithful to your commands. We have been more ready to condemn than to console, more eager to justify ourselves than to work for understanding. We feed the flames of dissent instead of welcoming the freeing power of forgiveness. We gather as two or three, not to welcome your presence but to gossip about those who are absent. Our sins are destroying us, God. Turn us around to a new way of being. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers. God's healing presence has come among us and dwells within us. Our openness to God's transforming love releases in us the potential for wholeness. We will be amazed at what we can do and who we can be as humble, joyous followers of the One who is the way, the truth, and the 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

*Those who are able, please stand.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Exodus 12:1-14

Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

"The Ties That Bind"

Rev. John Pruitt

***HYMN**

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"

No. 517

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 306

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Sep 10)—Communion

Greeters: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

Ushers: Norman & Lynda Self

Lay Reader: Kerry Kerr

Element Prep: Kay Sudderth, Nancy Bolen

Assisting Elders: Rusty Sudderth, Bob Myers, Nancy Sharp

Rich Tincher, Ellen Watts

Serving Next Sunday (Sep 17)

Greeters: Anne Waddell, Dale Watts

Ushers: Norman & Lynda Self

Lay Reader: Sam Henderson

*Those who are able, please stand.

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

Today (9/10)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service— <i>Communion</i>
	2:00p	Budget Meetings with Committee Chairs
Mon (9/11)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	6:30p	Sweet Adelines
	7:00p	Stated Session Meeting
Tue (9/12)	1:00p	Decorative Painting Ministry
	5:00p	Weight Watchers
Wed (9/13)	9:00a	Wt. Watchers
	9:30a	Men's Bible Study
	5:30p	Youth Gathering
	6:00p	The Gathering
	7:30p	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (9/14)	5:30p	The Next 56 Days
Fri (9/15)		No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (9/16)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
Sun (9/17)	9:00a	Café Faith Resumes
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

Budget Meetings: Today, September 10, the Stewardship & Finance Committee will meet with the Committee Chairs regarding their proposed budget for 2018. These meetings will begin at 2:00p. For more information, please see Sam Henderson.

The Gathering: Everyone is invited to the Gathering, Sept. 13 at 6pm to share stories of our passion to be a Mission focused church. We have both members of FPC and the community sharing why they are involved with our many different ministries that outreach into our community. Dinner for this evening will be a Taco Bar. Sign up is on the bulletin board so we have a head count.

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.

Your Help Is Needed

On Monday, September 11, our pews will be removed from the sanctuary for reupholstering. When worship service ends today, please place the Bibles and Hymnals in the folded grocery bag located at the end of each pew. Once the books are in the bag, simply leave the bag on the pew. Thank you for your assistance.

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!

