



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 1, 2017—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come let us remember God's presence with us. Let us give ear to all that God would teach us.

People: *Our ancestors have told us about God's might. They have celebrated God's wonderful deeds.*

Leader: In the wilderness of Sinai, God provided water. Through the sea, God provided safe passage.

People: *Yet the Israelites questioned God's presence. They needed assurance amid their doubts.*

Leader: Our doubts can lead to honest searching. God welcomes questions that seek new truth.

People: *We want to see God's larger picture. We are here to broaden the scope of our concern.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

*HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

No. 318

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We fear to approach you with our confession, holy God, for you may require changes in us that are costly. You ask us to have the mind of Christ, a mind free of pretense and self-interest. You challenge us to lay aside our advantages to go where you send us. We fear loss of security if we are obedient. It is hard to see ourselves as exploiters when we pursue advantages for our families. It is difficult to consider others when we feel like victims. We confess our need for you and our desire to find your purpose for us. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God accepts us in the midst of our struggles. There is encouragement in Christ, there is consolation from love, there is compassion, sympathy, and the opportunity to share in the Spirit. God blesses us as we gather in community, calling us to find our common mind in Christ Jesus. May we not only agree to do the work God places before us as a ministry of love, but let us do all we can to share our faith with a faithfulness stripped of pretense and conceit. 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

"One World, One Communion"

~ Pepper Choplin

*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 17:1-7

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

"The Vineyard: Part 2"

Rev. John Pruitt

*HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

No. 530

*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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

*HYMN

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

No. 761

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Oct 1) - World Communion

Greeters: Norman & Lynda Self

Ushers: Bernie Krecklow, Kae Mattingly

Lay Reader: Marge Birmingham

Element Prep: Norman & Lynda Self

Assisting Elders: Sam Henderson, Lorna Foster,

Dale Watts, Faye Hodges, Kerry Kerr

Serving Next Sunday (Oct 8)

Greeters: Lorna Foster, Winnie Theobald

Ushers: Bernie Krecklow, Kae Mattingly

Lay Reader: Tom Parker

*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 (10/1)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service— <i>Communion</i>
Mon (10/2)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	6:30p	Sweet Adelines
Tue (10/3)	10:00a	EGG Committee Meeting
	1:00p	Decorative Painting Ministry
	5:00p	Weight Watchers
	7:00p	W&M Committee Meeting
Wed (10/4)	9:00a	Wt. Watchers
	9:30a	Men's Bible Study
	7:30p	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (10/5)	11:30a	PGA Luncheon
	1:30p	S&F Committee Meeting
	5:30p	The Next 56 Days
Fri (10/6)		No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (10/7)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
		Men's Bible Study
Sun (10/8)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

EGG Committee: On Tuesday, October 3, the EGG Committee will gather at 10:00a, to continue discussions regarding projects.

PGA: The PGA luncheon will resume this week on October 5, at 11:30 a.m. For more details, please see Faye Hodges.

Committee Chairs: Your committee reports are due to the church office by Thursday, October 5, 12 noon.

Looking for a Men's Bible Study: On Saturday mornings, at 8:30a, there is a Men's Bible Study held at Tom Parker's home. This group meets for approximately 1 hr. and are currently reading "*Mere Christianity*" by C.S. Lewis. For more information please call Tom Parker at 336-784-1263.

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.



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!