



First Presbyterian Church

Welcome Home!

Order of Worship

13th Sunday after Pentecost September 8, 2019 11 AM

PREPARATION

A Prayer of Preparation

Gracious God, this day we will give thanks to you. We will call upon your name; we will make known among the nations what you have done. We will sing to you, for you have done glorious things, and we will let it be known to all the world. Today we will sing for joy, and we will declare that the holy one of Israel is among us. May you be glorified in our worship! Amen.

Welcome

Rev. Lee Koontz

Ministry of Friendship

Please pass the friendship register so all may sign it; pass it back so you may become acquainted with those sitting on your pew.

Prelude

Aria

Andrew Carter

ADORATION

*Call to Worship (Psalm 65)

Rev. Shon Pepper

One: All praise to the God who made heaven and earth!
All praise to the God who answers prayer!

**All: All praise to the God who forgives our sins,
who satisfies the hungry heart.**

One: In the goodness of the house of God we shall worship the God
of every grace.

**All: The Lord crowns the earth with beauty,
and surrounds our lives with fullness and joy.**

One: All praise to the God who made heaven and earth!

All: Let us worship the grace-giving God of our lives.

*Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

CONFESSION

Large print bulletins are available. Please let an usher know if you would like one.

The 11 am service is streamed live at www.fpcga.org and later is available on our website. Sunday sermons are also broadcast on WDUN AM 550 each Sunday following the 8:30 am news.

We give thanks to God for the musical gifts of our Chancel Choir, proclaiming the good news in song this morning.

FPC is reading the entire Bible together in 2019! The reading plan is available through the Bible in One Year app or on the FPC website at fpcga.org. This week we are reading days 251 through 257 in the reading plan.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we admit that we have not been faithful enough in our discipleship. We have not dedicated ourselves to living and sharing the faith, nor have we fully surrendered ourselves to you. We have lived selfishly in a world of misery and hunger, and have not sought to be Christ to our neighbors. Forgive us, and help us in this moment to be new people in Jesus Christ. Let the love that is waiting within us come forth, reaching out to others just as you have reached out to us.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Celebration of Forgiveness

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Hymn No. 802, stanza 1)

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**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**

Time with Our Children

Rev. Lee Koontz

All children are invited to come forward. When dismissed, children (ages three through second graders) may participate in Children's Church in the Sonshine Lodge in the Children's Wing.

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Rev. Dr. Margaret Turney-Ayer
Isaiah 12:1-6
(Pew Bible page 655)

Anthem

Ain'-a That Good News!

William L. Dawson

I got a crown up in the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news! I'm gonna lay down this world,
Gonna shoulder up my cross, gonna take it home to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

New Testament Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Corinthians 9:6-15
(Pew Bible page 163)

Sermon

Indescribable Gifts

Rev. Koontz

Moment of Reflection on God's Word

RESPONSE

*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 at 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, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer* Dallas Thompson

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.

Offertory *Treasures in Heaven* Joseph W. Clokey

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Matthew 6: 19-21)

*Presentation Hymn *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn 644
Give Thanks, O Christian People ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Lord, I Don't Feel Noways Tired* Adolphus Hailstork

Michelle Martin, soloist

TODAY'S SERVANTS
Chancel Flower Guild
Carolyn Mahar, Anne
Chenault, Gina Miller, and
The Autumn Group

Sound and Lighting
Rusty Burns

Greeters and Ushers
John Testement, Head Usher;
Nancy Alexander, Haydee
Anderson, Ida Cook, Lee Ann
James, Jeff Pierce, Ushers;
Roger and Molly Drake,
Greeters

* Please stand as you are able.

Welcome, guests!

Your presence is a wonderful blessing to this church family! If you would like to know more about the church or would like to ask for prayer, please speak with one of the pastors following the service. We would love the opportunity to get to know you and minister to you!

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A Taste of Perspectives

Monday, September 9 | 6-8:30 pm

* Childcare provided *

This is a 2-1/2 hour condensed version of the 15-week Perspectives on the World Christian Movement course.

You are invited!

WOW Kick-Off

This Wednesday, September 11

Featuring...SUSAN RILEY and THE JUNCTION BAND with music from back in the day.

Dinner line opens at 5:45 in Swetenburg Hall.

Come join in the fun, regroup with long time friends, and make new friends as we celebrate Fall start up.

Kids WOW Music with Hope Testament, Jan Reeves, and Denise Nylander

Make your dinner reservations on the Friendship Pad or call the church office.

See you for dinner, conversation, and music!



PRIMETIME SINGERS

rehearsals begin

Wednesday, September 11 from 10:45-11:30am in the choir room. All retired or older adults with a heart for singing are welcome!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Dave Ramsey's 9-week program of learning God's ways of handling money—work a plan, rewrite your story, and change your future. Classes begin **Sunday, September 15**, 6:00-7:30 in M303. Childcare is available with reservation through the church office, 770-532-0136. For more information: Call or text Denise Nylander, Volunteer Coordinator. 678-617-0868. Cost: \$109/family (Scholarship assistance is available.)

give
blood

LifeSouth Blood Drive
Sunday, September 15 • 9:00-1:00
Bloodmobile in FPC Parking Lot

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Family Promise thru 9-15-19

9:00am Morning Light Worship SH
10:00am Congregational Meeting SH
10:00am Children's Sunday School
10:20am Pancake Breakfast
11:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
5:00pm Chancel Ringers
6:00pm Youth Fellowship Señor Fiesta

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:45am PW Meeting SH
12:00pm Ladies Bible Study M303
2:00pm Stephen Ministry Leaders CR
6:00pm Taste of Perspectives Event SH
6:00pm PEO Parlor
6:00pm Worship Cmte CR*
6:30pm Stephen Ministry Training M303
6:30pm Beginners Sq Dancing Class, Gym
7:00pm Boy Scouts, Lakehouse

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00am Prayer Group, Cabin 1
5:00pm Adult Ministry CR*
5:30pm AA Group, Lake House
6:30pm Congregational Care, Cabin 1*
6:30pm Fellowship Ministry M303*
6:30pm Outreach Ministry, Cabin 4*
7:15pm The Diaconate M303*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:00am Dogwood Garden Club, Parlor
10:45am Primetimers
5:15pm Andrew Ministry, Cabin 1
5:45pm WOW Supper & Activities
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:15am Lanier Women's Club SH503/SH
5:00pm Youth Ministry Team, Youth Area*
6:00pm Children's Ministry Team M303*

7:00pm Book Club CR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:00pm Kids Night Out

*Committee Meeting—CR-Conference Room, SH-Swetenburg Hall