

**"YOU ARE
my
WITNESSES!"**

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 28, 2019 9:30 AM

First Presbyterian Church

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Great God: you send us into the world to do your work. May we not only promise to serve you, but do what you command, loving neighbors, and telling the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Hymn Improvisation on AURELIA* Burkhardt

INTROIT *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* LEMMEL
(Choir and congregation)

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

#*CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:16-17*) Elder Vivian Jones

One: Creator and Ruler of the Earth,

ALL: *we lift up our voices, our eyes, our hearts, and our lives to You in praise.*

One: Make us Your alleluia people.

ALL: *Uphold the weary, for whom praise may be very difficult.*

One: Humble the strong, for whom “alleluia” may be too easy.

ALL: *Continue to shape us into Your new creations, that we might welcome You to more fully become the ruler of our hearts and minds. Through Him who came as a servant, and who now reigns over all creation, Jesus, our Christ. Amen.*

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

#*HYMN OF PRAISE: 761 (*Please stand at the introduction to the hymns*)
Called As Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Vivian Jones

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Creator God, hear us as we confess that we often fail to give our lives over to the transforming power of your Spirit.

ALL: *We know that we are called to go into the dark corners of creation with your Word, but our mouths often remain silent.*

One: We know that we are called to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, but we hesitate, wondering if they will love us in return.

ALL: *We know that we are made in your image, but so frequently we ignore your image in others who are different from us.*

One: Forgive our hesitation and uncertainties.

ALL: *Forgive our fears and failures.*

One: Forgive our self-centered brokenness.
ALL: *Remake us and renew us, we pray, that we might be transformed, and live as your new creations. Through Christ we pray, Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Elder Vivian Jones

One: Friends, allow the Good News of the Gospel to embrace you! “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17)

ALL: *Through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, we have been redeemed! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: (Hymn: 581)

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

TO GIVE THANKS, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. John White

(After the Time with Children, our young friends ages 4-2ND grade are invited to the Children’s Church in the Education Building. An adult will escort the children. After church the children will be escorted to their appropriate Sunday School rooms. Grades 3-5 are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship.)

*HYMN: 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (p. 35 in front of hymnal)

SOLO

He’s Always Been Faithful
Natalie Coffman, soloist

Groves

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

TBA

NEW TESTAMENT READING

TBA

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

TBA

Rev. John H. White

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison) *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) p. 14* Elder Vivian Jones
***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.***

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew,
sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

OFFERING

ORGAN *When in the Hour of Utmost Need* Bach
OFFERTORY Dr. Terry McRoberts, organist

*Doxology (Tune: 607) OLD HUNDREDTH
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***
*Dedicatory Prayer Elder Vivian Jones

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 295**
Go to the World! SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:** *Go Now in Peace* Sleeth
Summer Choir

***ORGAN POSTLUDE** *Postlude on THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS* Held