



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 2019 9:30 AM

First Presbyterian Church

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Dear God, we meet as family in the presence of our heavenly Father. We meet as brothers and sisters in Christ, accepting the responsibility this places upon us - to love one another as you have loved us. We meet as your lights in this dark world and pray that through our words and our lives others might be drawn into your family and accept you as their Saviour and Lord. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Prelude on ROEDER* Schalk

INTROIT *Good, Good Father* Chris Tomlin
BLAST! Children

#*CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Luke 15:1-10*) *Elder Patrick Dollar*

One: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

ALL: *God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.*

One: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

ALL: *let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever; let us worship God together.*

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

#*HYMN OF PRAISE: 634 (*Please stand at the introduction to the hymns*)
To God Be the Glory

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CALL TO CONFESSION *Rev. John White*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Rev. John White*

One: Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

ALL: *Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law.*

One: Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

ALL: *We have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have ignored the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (*Titus 3:4-8*)

Rev. John White

One: "At one time we were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we have done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior."

ALL: *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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Rev. John White

James Stewart Reaffirmation of Faith

*(sing in unison) Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"Stewardship Emphasis"

Elder Patty Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Bow the Knee

arr. Sterling

Naji Combs, bass; Chancel Choir

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

(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: 423**

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

SARADAY

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

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. John White

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philemon (pg. 215-216)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

“The Practice of Faith”

Rev. John H. White

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from Philippians 2:5-11)*

Elder Patrick Dollar

The Word of God teaches us about the person of Jesus Christ.
What do we believe about that person?

We believe that our attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. This we believe!

(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

God So Loved the World

arr. DeCou

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 Patrick Dollar

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
Chancel Choir

Dufner

***ORGAN POSTLUDE**

A Trumpet Fanfare

Martin

ACOLYTES: *Jo'Hannah Ross and Ayden Johnson*