

stewardship

**GROWING IN
FAITH TOGETHER**



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 20, 2019 9:30 AM

First Presbyterian Church

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual and material blessing. Show us how to share our gifts with others with a joyous and grateful heart. May our gifts provide hope, consolation and pastoral care to your people and thus give glory and honour to your Holy Name. In your name, we pray. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on EIN FESTE BURG

Walther

INTROIT

God Welcomes All
Chancel Choir

Bell

#*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mari Morgan

One: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

ALL: *For in one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body, and we are all made to drink of one Spirit.*

One: Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

ALL: *If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.*

One: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

ALL: *God has given us different gifts, but we will strive together in Christ's name. Let us worship our Creator, who is the Lord of all creation!*

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

#*HYMN OF PRAISE: 697 *(Please stand at the introduction to the hymns)*

Take My Life

HENDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, our Heavenly Creator, we confess that we have lost our way. Too easily we are distracted from what really matters. In our better moments we recognize that life is better than death, and love is superior to hate. Yet, far too often in the heat of the moment, we lose our heads—and perhaps worse—we lose our hearts. We each strive to control our life. We strive to make a name for ourselves. We are well meaning, Lord, but sometimes we choose paths that lead us away from you. So today we acknowledge our sin and confess our shortcomings, and with humility we ask you to help us struggle for the greater gifts and to show us a still more excellent way. Hear us as we silently confess our sins...

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. John White

One: In Paul's Letter to the Colossians we read that "In Christ we have redemption; the forgiveness of sins."

ALL: *In Christ, through Christ, and because of Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!*

*RESPONSE: 423 (stanza 1)

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51)

SARADAY

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

TO GIVE THANKS, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

A Joyful Ring
FPC Handbell Choir

Kinyon

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: 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 35 in front of hymnal)

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mari Morgan

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:1-2 (pg. 161-162)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 1:1a; 6-10 (pg. 888-889)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"It's About Faithfulness"

Rev. John H. White

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *Colossians 1:15-16*)

Rev. John White

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ, who is the Christ we worship and serve?

ALL: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.*

(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

OFFERTORY *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
FPC Handbell Choir

arr. Stephenson

*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

Mari Morgan

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

***RESPONSE: 288** (Please sing through twice)

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*BENEDICTION AND CHALLENGE

***ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune in C

Lasky

ACOLYTES: Addie Patterson and Logan Jones