

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Flowers in the sanctuary today are given in recognition of the 34th Anniversary of Victor and Karen Carboni.

The Interim Pastor is out-of-town this weekend attending the joint Association of Retired Ministers, Their Spouses or Survivors / Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network conference in Richmond, Virginia and then taking a few more days rest. He will return to the office on Wednesday. We are pleased to welcome the **Rev. Dr. Ron Holloman**, Director of Ministry and Transitions at Grace Presbytery, as pulpit guest today.

Today's Schedule

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
- 9:30 a.m. - Alleluia Singers (Children's S.S. Class begins at 9:55.)
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Wednesday - Wednesday Night Live Schedule

- 4:45 p.m. - Alleluia Chimes
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Bells
- 5:45 p.m. - Dinner in Wilbanks Hall
- 6:15 p.m. - Youth Choir
- 6:30 p.m. - Classes and Activities
- 6:45 p.m. - Youth Bible Study and Fellowship
- 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Thursday

- 6:30 p.m. - Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) Meeting

Next Sunday—October 23

- 7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship
- 9:30 a.m. - Alleluia Singers (Children's S.S. Class begins at 9:55.)
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Blood Drive

Continue thinking about what you can bring and how you can serve at our **Garage Sale on Saturday, October 29**. The proceeds will help in paying some of our Benevolences for this year.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Harry C. Meissner—Interim Pastor
Casey McCollough—Director of Music
B. J. Mauldin—Organist/Keyboard Musician
Renee Stormer—Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks—Pastor Emeritus



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 16, 2016

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, a plus sign (+) indicates 11:00 only, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Large print hymnals or music sheets are available from an usher.*

VOLUNTARY *Courante* Handel

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT + *I Love You, Lord* Laurie Klein
Chancel Choir

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 1:2; from Psalm 79
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

We come in celebration and song.

*HYMN 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In confessing our sin before God, we are blessed with the assurance of God's mercy and grace. Hear our prayer, lord:

God of mercy, we confess that we find the medicine of your mercy hard to swallow. The quick fixes of this world are so much more enticing, but your medicine is powerful. Turn us toward your love for justice and true worship. Forgive our sins. Forgive our hesitation. Grant us courage to choose you as our physician, and to serve you and you alone. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the love of the Triune God, we are forgiven and empowered to live as witnesses to the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord! **Amen.**

*SONG OF PRAISE (*Hymn 71, Refrain*)

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure— defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

Please find and sign the Registration of Attendance pad and pass it to others on the same pew, so that we may have a record of your attendance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will provide contact information, especially your email address, so that we may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY #

OLD TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 709 OT*)

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 79 NT*)

Luke 16:1-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Chancel Choir

Rutter

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Phil Johnson

At the 11:00 service, when this time is concluded, children pre-school through 2nd grade are invited to join the leader to go to children's church. The rest may return to sit with their families in the sanctuary.

*HYMN 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

SERMON

Our Healing Ointment

Rev. Dr. Ron Holloman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Arietta

Grieg

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, SILENT PRAYER, CONCLUDING COLLECT

THE 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.

*HYMN 686

God of Our Life

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE +

In Glory Exult, All Saints of the Lord
Chancel Choir

Hubert Parry

VOLUNTARY

A Song of Rejoicing

Robert Thygerson

OUR INVITATION

Every service of worship invites us to consider our relationship to Jesus Christ and to his church. If you are not vitally involved in some community of faith, perhaps this congregation is the place where you can worship, find fellowship, grow, and share in our mission and witness to the world. If you would like to discuss this important matter, please indicate your interest on the registration of attendance pad or speak to the minister following the service.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) Karen Harris, (11:00) Ann Smith

** Deacon - (8:45) Dr Carol Stephenson, (11:00) David Starnes

Acolyte - (11:00) Zoe Futrell