

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, August 6 - *Gospel Music Sunday*

- 8:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 6:00 p.m. - Church Night Dinner and Gospel Hymn Sing

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal resumes
- 7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Next Sunday, August 13 - *Sending Sunday*

- 8:45 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

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If you aren't receiving the newsletter via email, please pick up a copy in the Narthax or in the hall by the office, to stay informed on the latest news and events within the church.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Harry C. Meissner, Interim Pastor
Casey McCollough, Director of Music Ministries
B.J. Mauldin, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

August 6, 2017

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Large print hymn sheets are available from an usher. Let us worship God!*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It* arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Vasile Soloist (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Psalm 95:1,2*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But we confess that our knowledge is not perfect, our love is not constant, and our obedience is not complete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness, but you are patient with us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not remember our sins, but in your tender love, forgive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF PRAISE *(Hymn 628, v1)*

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your love, and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Al-le-lu-ia!

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING # *(p. 30, OT)* Genesis 32:22-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING # *(p. 16, NT)* Matthew 14:13-21
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Fly Away Medley* arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Carol Graham

*HYMN 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

SERMON *Just What Is this Story All about?* Harry Meissner

*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 *He takes Away the Sins of the World* arr. Tom Fettke
Brenda Greer and Paula Kusewitt

*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**

*COMMUNION HYMN 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 king-

dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE (11:00) *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Isaiah 55:12
Chancel Choir

VOLUNTARY *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Mark Hayes

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 of the Day (8:45) Gracy Thomas, (11:00) John Kusewitt

** Head Deacon (8:45) Estle Powell, (11:00) Sherry Futrell

Acolyte (11:00) Zoe Futrell