Everybody's Church

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Vision Statement
As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

June 25, 2017, 8:30am
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. John Judson

GATHERING MUSIC "Prelude in D Minor" Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Kitty Stephenson

One: Lord, you are good and forgiving,
All: Abounding in love to every one who looks for you!
One: There are no others who are as great as you,
All: Nor are there any whose love is as deep as yours!
One: Teach us how to love as you do, O Lord,
All: So that we might walk in the ways you have set before us!
Let us worship God.

†HYMN 269 "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Julie Madden

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, as people on a journey, along our way we are offered opportunities to show your love and grace to all that we meet. Forgive us when we keep that love to ourselves; when we fail to be kind, compassionate, and caring for those around us. Fill us again with your love that we might offer it to all. In Jesus name…

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†OUR RESPONSE 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

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.

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 86.

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Hymntune: LANCASHIRE

Confession acknowledges the reality of sin in our personal and corporate lives. This practice relieves us from the burden of sin and reminds us of the promise of God's forgiveness and grace sealed in our baptism.

This brief hymn of praise is an ancient text known as the Gloria Patri or "lesser doxology." We sing it to express thanksgiving for God's forgiveness.

Proclaiming the Word

We are an intentionally inclusive congregation and value the richness of worshiping with all God's people. There are times in the sanctuary when shouts or other loud noises may occur. We accept these without judgment, unless they are signs of distress in need of attention.

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
All: Holy Spirit,
Shine light into the darkness,
Turn the night into day,
Give life where there is death.
Help us to hear and proclaim your message of hope,
As we might follow the risen reigning Christ.
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25

One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Please follow along with the reading on page 696 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Please follow along with the reading on page 175 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible.

SERMON "Alive in the Spirit of God: The Necessary Ingredient" Dr. John Judson

Responding to the Word

†HYMN 286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Hymntune: TRENTHAM

OFFERING INFORMATION

Members and guests, please sign the Fellowship Pads to let us know of your presence with us.

Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates and will be shared during the prayers.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

All that we have is a gift from God. In gratitude, we return a portion of those blessings to the work of God in the church.

MUSICAL OFFERING "Trumpet Tune" Johnson

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A doxology is a short hymn of praise. We sing this response in gratitude for God's provision for us and for the church.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

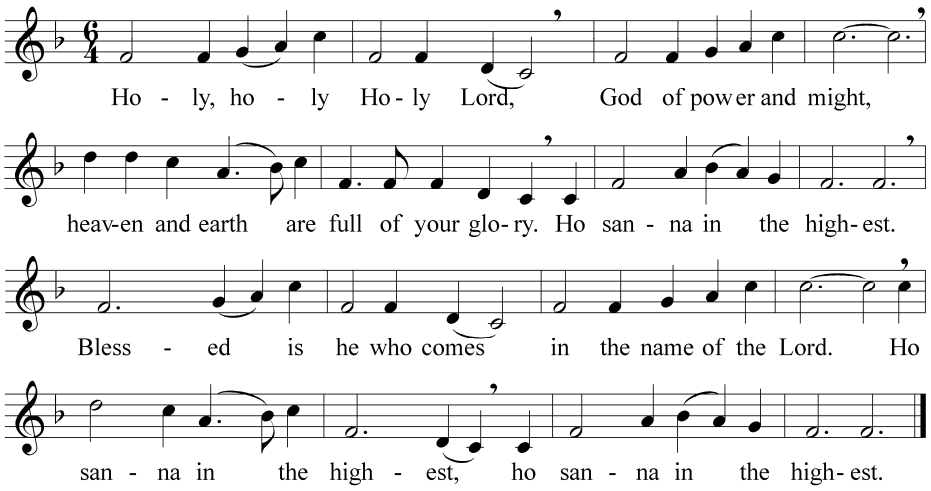
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Why do we give thanks and praise before this Table?

All: We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.

One: …. who forever sing to the glory of your name.



A prayer of thanksgiving for the ministry of Jesus, offered by the pastor.

One: Why do we eat bread at this Table?

All: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: Why do we drink from the cup at this Table?

All: The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: What do we remember at this Table?

All: We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

A prayer calling on the Holy Spirit, followed by prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, and supplication.

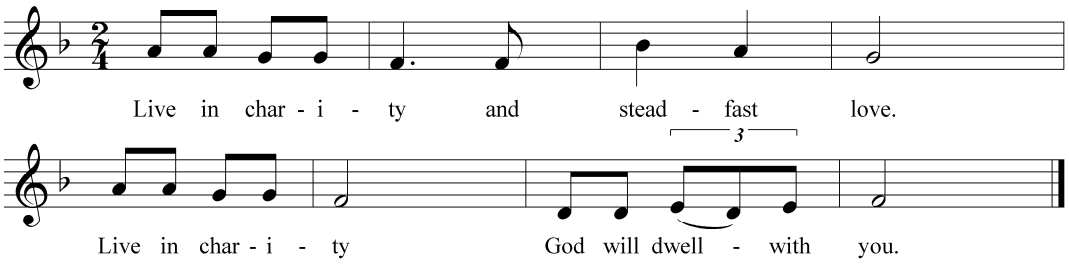
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

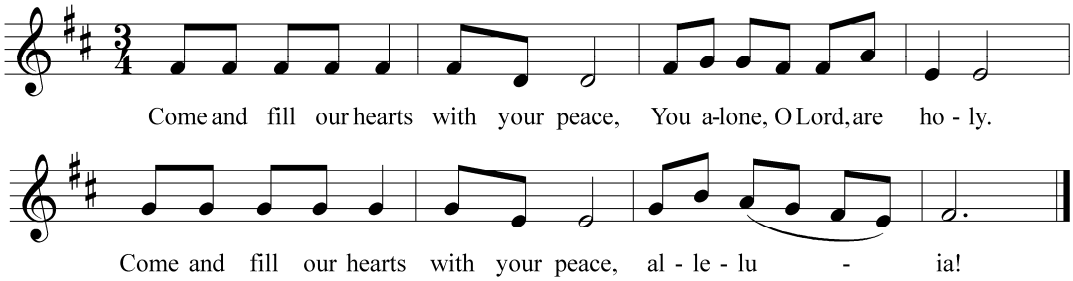
All persons are invited to come forward and partake first of the bread, and then the cup in order to be strengthened by Christ's presence and power in the sacrament. Gluten-free bread is in the center tray. After receiving the elements, please return to your pew.

COMMUNION SONGS

"Live in Charity"



"Come and Fill Our Hearts"



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†PEACE

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 295 "Go to the World!"

Hymntune: SINE NOMINE

†BLESSING

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service this morning.

The liturgist this morning is Kitty Stephenson. Kitty has been a member of FPC for more than 60 years. Her family started attending when the church was on Old Woodward. Her two "loves" in the church have always been teaching little children and working with the Mission Outreach Ministry group. Ask her about the light of her life, her grandson, Jack!

The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of her daughter, Patricia, by Judy Gillow.

The ushers are Steven Coddington, Terry Lanzen and Patrick White.

A Stephen Minister is available in the Chapel following each service for prayer and conversation.

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