

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.

August 4, 2019, 8:30am

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Judson

GATHERING MUSIC

"Prelude in E Minor"

Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kim McGlynn

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: People wandered in the desert, hungry and thirsty...

All: And God led them to food and water!

One: Let us all give thanks to God...

**All: For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry!
Let us worship God!**

†HYMN 394

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Sung to the Hymntune: REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Julie Madden

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who sends the rain on the righteous and unrighteous, forgive us when we take clean water for granted; when we see it as a given rather than a gift. Help us to consider how you might use us to offer clean water to the thirsty rather than keeping it only for ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray...

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**.

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Call to Worship is based on Psalm 107.

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

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
All: **Ever giving God,
Open our eyes and our ears
That we might hear your call to love,
And serve those who do not have enough. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 2:19-22

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

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 25:31-40

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

SERMON

“Matthew 25: Something to Drink” Dr. John Judson
Dr. Judson and Timothy Ngare (Thika Well Project)

Responding to the Word

†HYMN 507

“Come to the Table of Grace”

OFFERING INFORMATION

*Members and guests, please sign the Fellowship Pads
to let us know of your presence with us.
(Deacons Loose Change Offering is taken today)*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

MUSICAL OFFERING

“In Thee is Gladness”

Bach

†THE 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.**

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?

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.

Please follow along with the reading on page 333 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 29 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

Hymntune: TABLE OF GRACE

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

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. You are invited to contribute your loose change to the offering plate. This loose change goes to the Deacons to help support their efforts to meet the immediate needs of food, clothing and shelter in our greater community. If you miss this offering you can collect your change at home and bring it to church when you can. Those quarters (and dollars) really add up to help those in need!

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

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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

"Eat This Bread"



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne- ver be hun - gry



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†PEACE

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 803 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

†BLESSING

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

The liturgist this morning is Kim McGlynn. Kim is the Membership Director at FPC and would love to talk to anyone about the wonderful happenings here at church.

The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Sara Paterson by her husband, David, and their children, Andy and Elizabeth.

The roses on the baptismal font are in honor of the births of Ainsley Leigh Solomich, daughter of Mike and Katherine Solomich, on June 23, 2019 and Ian Jamieson Hansel, son of Heather Hansel, on July 31, 2019.

The ushers are Steven Coddington and Patrick White.

A Stephen Minister is available in Calvin Hall following each service for prayer and conversation.

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Hymntune: RESIGNATION

Welcome to FPC! Please join us for coffee and goodies following the service.

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