



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Vision Statement

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

August 5 2018, 10am

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Judson

†GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

"At Calvary"

Keith Kaminski, saxophone

Olstad

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Julie Madden

One: Lord, you desire us to live as truth filled people...
All: So, teach me your wisdom!
One: Wash away all untruth from within me...
All: So that my heart might be ready to love others!
One: Let me hear your calming voice...
All: So that my life might be renewed!
Let us worship God.

†HYMN 4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

*Youth, 6th-8th grade, will proceed to the Youth Room
when the Younger Church is called forward.*

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

After Time With the Younger Church, children 3 & 4-year-olds go to Worship Wonder and K-5th graders will proceed to the Chapel and return for communion.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Joanne Blair

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever present God, forgive us when we become anxious about life.
When we worry about those things that we cannot change. When we allow the world to control our emotions. Be present with us in Spirit and in truth that we might find the peace you desire us to have; the peace of green pastures, still waters and restored souls. We pray this 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.

Turn to First Things at the back of this bulletin for more information on the life of this church.

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

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 51.

Hymntune: GROSSER GOTT,
WIR LOBEN DICH

We encourage parents to give their children some loose change to bring forward for the offering.

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

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
All: Ever present God,
Give us ears to listen,
Hearts to feel and eyes to see
What your word calls us to be and to do.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 6:25-34

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

SERMON "The Lord is My Shepherd: A Safe Space" Dr. John Judson

Responding to God

OFFERING INFORMATION

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

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

MUSICAL OFFERING "Jesus Loves Me"
Keith Kaminski, saxophone

Olstad

†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. Amen.

Sealing the Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S 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 6 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

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 back 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!

COMMUNION HYMN 526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
Please remain seated while the children return for communion.

Hymntune: LINSTEAD

THE GREAT PRAYER OF 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.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
9
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, - ho -
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san - na in the high - est.

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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. After receiving the elements, please return to your pew. *ALL the bread is gluten-free.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

HYMN 329 "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" Lemmens

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

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

The ushers are Al and Judy Bean, Cheryl Bowman, Kevin Casady, Mark Grobbel, Roger Krieger, Terry Palleschi, Leader, Rod Spearin.

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

Prayers gathered during the offering will be prayed over by staff during the week and written on the chalkboards in the hallway along the sanctuary.

Hymntune: WINCHESTER OLD

The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day's worship before you exit the sanctuary.

Welcome in Christ's name to First Presbyterian Church! You are welcome here just as you are at whatever place in your spiritual journey that you find yourself. If you have any questions about who we are, what we believe or what we do please ask one of our elders or pastors. They will be pleased to visit with you. Please know that you are invited to join us for coffee and goodies in Calvin Hall, following the service.