

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 11, 2019, 10:00am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

†GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC "Now Thank We All Our God" Kauffman

CALL TO WORSHIP Kurt and Elsa Wellenkotter

One: Welcome to a time of wonder

Many: **and music that calls us home.**

One: Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge,

Many: **and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality.**

One: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others,

ALL: **leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.**

†HYMN 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

After Time with the Younger Church, children 3 & 4 year-olds will proceed to Worship Wonder.

CALL TO CONFESSION Dr. John Judson

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Welcoming God, we stock the food pantries, but brush aside those who hunger for friendship. We give our hand-me-downs away, but overlook those whose hopes have been stripped away. We applaud those just like us, but turn a deaf ear to our neighbors who "talk funny." Forgive our frozen and inhospitable ways.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Turn to *First Things* in 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**.

Hymntune: DARWALL'S 148TH

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

†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.

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

Genesis 18:1-16

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

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 25:35-40

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

SERMON “Matthew 25: Welcome the Stranger” Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

Responding to the Word

†HYMN 727 “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

OFFERING INFORMATION

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

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

MUSICAL OFFERING “It Is Well With My Soul” Barry

†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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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 14 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible.

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

Text your contribution amount followed by the word WELCOME (ex: \$50 welcome) to 248.600.4919 to support the Welcome Inn or make a check payable to First Presbyterian Church and write Welcome Inn in the memo line.

Hymntune: THE SERVANT SONG

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. Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates and the staff will pray over them during the week.

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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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 317 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

†BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Grand Choeur in B Flat” Dubois

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

The liturgists this morning are Kurt and Elsa Wellenkotter. Kurt is a Deacon and Elsa is a rising 3rd grader.

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Ian Kiltie by his wife, Annette, and their daughters, Susan Kiltie and Jeanne Matheus.

The ushers are Alan and Judy Bean, Cheryl Bowman, Kevin Casady, Mark Grobbel, Roger Krieger, Terry Palleschi, Leader, Ken Swarthout.

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

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Hymntune: MC KEE

Welcome in Christ's name to First Presbyterian Church! yourself. Please know that you are invited to join us for coffee and goodies following the service in Calvin Hall.

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