

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, 8:30am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

GATHERING MUSIC "Now Thank We All Our God"

Kauffman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jack Chandler

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!"

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

†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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Hymntune: DARWALL'S 148TH

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: O God,
you draw us into your community of love
with people across the ages and around the world.
By the same Spirit that binds us together
speak to us that what we hear and ponder
may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you;
through Christ Jesus. 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
Rev. Peerbolte and Ben Ogden, Director of Welcome Inn

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 “Grand Choeur in B Flat” Dubois

†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.

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 your Pew Bible.

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

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.

TEXT your general fund contribution to 248.600.4919, or contribute online through the giving tab on the website.

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.

**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"

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song "Eat This Bread". Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne- ver be hun - gry". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst". The lyrics are written below the notes.

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

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

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

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

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

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†PEACE

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

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

†BLESSING

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

The liturgist this morning is Jack Chandler. Jack is a Deacon and an Elder and is currently an usher for the 8:30 service. Most recently, Jack was instrumental in building the Little Free Libraries.

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

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: MC KEE

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

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