

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 18, 2019, 10:00am

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Judson

†GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

"Ertöt uns durch dein Güte"

Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom and Charlie Snider

One: God of creation you have called us to be your family!

All: **You have given us wonderful and marvelous gifts!**

One: Look kindly upon us when we struggle with our health...

All: **And when we face difficult times!**

One: Restore us to wholeness...

All: **And let you love and light shine upon us!**

Let us worship God!

†HYMN 269

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

After Time with the Younger Church, children 3 & 4 year-olds will proceed to Worship Wonder and K-5th Grade will proceed to CrossWalks.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We rejoice in the presentation for baptism: Ainsley Leigh Solomich, born June 23, 2019, daughter of Michael and Katherine Solomich.

Insun Ahn-Lee, Elder

Question to the Congregation: Do you, as a member of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Ainsley Solomich by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of His church?

Congregation: We do.

Question to the Children: And do you, children, promise to help teach Ainsley about the love of Jesus?

Children: We will.

†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**.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 80.

Hymntune: LANCASHIRE

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

†CREED

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and healing God, forgive us when we shy away from those who are ill; when our fears of illness and death sometimes cause us to shy away from offering your love and grace by our presence and prayers. Give us the inner resources we need to be those who visit and care for those who are dying or who are hovering in-between. 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.

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 4:32-37

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!

At baptisms the church affirms what it believes by using a creed, which is a statement of faith. This creed is from the United Church of Canada. It was approved for use by our session in 2015.

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 335 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.

SERMON “Matthew 25: Care for the Sick” Dr. John Judson
Dr. Judson and Sue Bay (NODA)

Responding to the Word

†HYMN 796 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

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 “How Can I Keep from Singing?” Lowry
Summer Choir

†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

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 822 “When We Are Living”

†BLESSING

POSTLUDE “March in D” Johnson

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

The liturgists this morning are Thom and Charlie Snider. Thom plays in the trombone choir and enjoys helping out with technology here at First Presbyterian Church. Charlie joined when he was 3 months old and will be starting fifth grade this year.

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Roger Struck by his wife Sally and their children.

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

Hymntune: LAND OF REST

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.

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

Hymntune: SOMOS DE SENOR

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

Check out the website at



www.everybodyschurch.org