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 19, 2018, 10am
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Red are those places where we are silent and listen.
Green are those places where we speak.
Blue are those places where we sing.

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

Draw something that you see in the sanctuary.

Before the Service Begins

Find the hymns and mark them in the hymnal
Find the scriptures and mark them in the Bible
Say hello to the people around you

Gathering As God's People

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Joanne Blair

†GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP John Crawford

One: Come, bless the Lord who guides us;
All: Whose wise teaching directs our days.
One: Come, bless the Lord who guides us.
All: We will not be shaken or live in fear.
One: Come, bless the Lord who guides us;
All: Whose presence sustains us.
Let us worship God.

†HYMN 805 "Come Sing to God"

Find the hymn in the hymnal and sing along.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We rejoice in the presentation for baptism: David Robert Quigley, born on May 11, 2018, son of Kyle and Jennifer Zimmer Quigley.
John Crawford, Elder

Question to the Congregation: Do you, as a member of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture David Quigley by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church?
Congregation: We do.

CALL TO CONFESSION Dr. Kate Thoresen

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Guiding God, forgive us when we forget that you are always with us. When we let our fears overwhelm us and wonder where you are. When we look elsewhere for comfort and protection. When we fail to trust your abiding love and faithfulness. Help us to feel your presence, remember who you are, and trust your promises. 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.

Talking About God

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.

TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23

Read along with the congregation.

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!

SERMON "The Lord is My Shepherd" Rev. Joanne Blair

Responding to God

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 "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" Shearing

†THE DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

Be sure to say the Lord's Prayer with us.

Going with Jesus Into the World

†HYMN 329 "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

†BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" Bach

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

The liturgist this morning is John Crawford.

The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Roger Struck by his wife, Sally, and their family.

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 following each service for prayer and conversation.

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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