

# 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.

September 25, 2016, 10am

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gathering Around the Word

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Judson

### †GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

### CHORAL INTROIT

"Piano Song"

Halley

*Mary Beth Jones and Andrew Herbruck*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Sleder

One: Creator God, you desire that we be people of truth...

All: **Therefore, teach us wisdom!**

One: Creator God, you desire that we be people of love...

All: **Therefore, give us hearts of caring and compassion!**

One: Creator God, you desire that we be people of grace...

All: **Therefore, help us to forgive!**

**Let us worship God.**

### †HYMN 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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

### TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We rejoice in the presentation of Edison Archer Reghi, born on January 10, 2016, son of Kuressa and Edward Reghi, for baptism.

Amy Clark, Elder

Question to the Congregation: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Edison Reghi by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church?

Congregation: **We do.**

### †THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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**.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 51.

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

Hymntune: DIADEMATA

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

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Amy Morgan

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all mercies, you call us to be people of love and forgiveness; of compassion and mercy. Forgive us when we become instead, people of pride and anger, of jealousy and judgment. Give us new hearts and minds that might be the people you have created and called us to be. In Jesus' Name...

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

†OUR RESPONSE "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: Living God,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
give us the words of life,  
that we may understand your way  
and follow your truth  
as we make the road by walking,  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 4:1-16

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

**ANTHEM**

"The Storm is Passing Over"  
*Chancel Choir*

Tindley

**SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON**

James 4:1-7

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

**SERMON**

"We Make the Road by Walking:  
Anger Management"

Dr. John Judson

**Responding to the Word**

†HYMN 445 "God, How Can We Forgive"

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.

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 judgement, unless they are signs of distress in need of attention

Please follow along with the reading on page 3 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 231 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

Hymntune: LEONI

## 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    “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”    Halley  
*Lara Alami, Alto*

## †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 306                    “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

## †BLESSING

POSTLUDE                    “Toccata in B Minor”                    Gigout

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

The liturgist this morning is Kathleen Sleder. Kathleen is a member of PW and Chancel Choir, and she chairs Advent by Candlelight. She started her own business Flour, Sugar, Salt.

The flowers in the chancel are in loving memory of Fred "Hank" Hendrick from his wife, Marge, his sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The ushers are Karen Callahan, Kevin Casady, Grace Cueny, Jacob Drouillard, Jim King, Jason Morgan, Tom Russell, Alexander Pavlov, Jenny, Lilly and Joe Schlafhauser, Rod Spearin, J. Cooper and McKenna Smith.

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

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.

A doxology is a short hymn of praise. We sing this response in gratitude for God’s provision for us and for the church.

Hymntune: DENNIS

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! yourself. Please know that you are invited to join us for coffee and goodies following the service in Calvin Hall.*

To check out the website:

