

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 29, 2019, 10:00am

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Judson

MINUTE FOR COMMUNITY

Choir Robes

†GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

CHORAL INTROIT

"Total Praise"
Chancel Choir

Smallwood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Richard Eriksen

One: We live in the shadow of God's presence...

All: Trusting that God is our refuge and strength!

One: God watches over us...

All: So that we need not fear what is to come!

One: God will deliver those whom God loves...

All: And will be with us in times of trouble.

Let us worship God!

†HYMN 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"
*Youth, 6th-8th grade, will proceed to the Youth Room
when the Younger Church is called forward*

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" Trad. Carribean

Children's Choir directed by Margaret Rees-Baker

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Joanne Blair

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Infinitely loving Creator, forgive us when we go looking for life apart from you and your Son; when we believe that someone or something else can guide us into the fullness of being human; into the fullness of life filling love. Help us to turn to you through your Son, Jesus the Christ, that we might be made whole and alive. In Jesus' name we pray...

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**.

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 91.

Hymntune: CORONATION

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: God of love and grace,
Open our hearts and our hands
That we might hear and live
your call to love. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 86:8-13

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

ANTHEM

“Love Can Mend a Broken World”
Chancel Choir

Trenney

*In loving memory of Dorothy Sharer, from her daughter and grandchildren
The world seems so eager to threaten, but Love remains patient and kind.
The world strives for wealth, might, and power,
but Love longs for soul, heart, and mind.
The world plays a loud, clanging cymbal, but Love sings its still, small voice.
The world delights in bearing false witness, but Love, in the truth, will rejoice!
Let's see what Love can do to mend a broken world.
The world makes our genders unequal, but Love treasures every design.
The world lets our colors divide us, but Love makes the rainbow its sign.
The world harms with guns and with weapons,
but Love gives the captives release.
The world often hungers for violence, but Love always thirsts for our peace.
Let's see what Love can do to mend a broken world.
The world shuns the immigrant's hunger, but Love feeds the poor refugee.
The world argues, "They're not my children,"
but Love says, "My child, come to me."
The world builds up walls and fears strangers, but Love opens gates to be-friend.
The world speaks a hate that endangers, but Love never fails in the end.
Let's see what Love can do to mend a broken world.
Our love can mend the world.*

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

John 14:1-7

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

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 545 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 108 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible.

SERMON “The Five Part Story: Jesus is the Way to God” Dr. John Judson

Responding to the Word

†**HYMN** 430 “Be Thou My Vision”

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 “Morning Song” Halley

†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** 459 “O Word of God Incarnate”

†BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Toccatina in B Minor” Gigout

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

The liturgist this morning is Richard Eriksen. Richard has been a member of FPC since 2009. He is a Deacon and has attended five Mexico mission trips.

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Fred "Hank" Hendrick by his wife, Marge, his sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

The ushers are Kevin Casady, Dorothy Honour, Jim King, Carolyn Kyburz, Paul Nelson, Rick and Renee Parker, Tom Russell, Leader, Grace, Lilly and Joe Schlafhauser, Rod Spearin.

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

Hymntune: SLANE

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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Hymntune: MUNICH

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.

Check out the website at www.everybodyschurch.org



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