

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.

October 2, 2016, 10am

Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Judson

†GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

"I Don't Feel No Ways Tired"
Chantel Woodard 2016-2017 Choir Scholar

Hairston

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carl Fischer

- One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
All: Come into God's presence with singing!
One: Remember that the Lord is our loving God!
All: And it is God that made us and we are God's people!
One: Enter into worship with praise!
All: For God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let us worship God.

†HYMN 456

"Listen, God is Calling"
Youth, 6th-8th grade remain in worship

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Dr. John Judson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We rejoice in the presentation of Benjamin Randall Murray, born on May 26, 2016, son of Kathryn and Michael Murray, for baptism.
Thom Snyder, Elder

Question to the Congregation: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Benjamin Murray by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member 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.

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

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 100.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Hymntune: NENO LAKE
MUNGU

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

After Time With the Younger Church, Kindergarten—5th grade will proceed to the Chapel and will return for communion.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, you call us to a faith that works for the restoration of the good world you created. Forgive us when the faith we live is one designed only for ourselves; only for our good and not the good of those both near and far. Give us a wider vision of our faith that it might mirror Abraham's; a faith meant to bless all people on the face of the earth. 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.

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 12:1-9

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

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 11:15-19

Rev. Amy Morgan

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

SERMON

"A Blessing for All" Rev. Wilian Armando Cen Colli

Responding to God

OFFERING INFORMATION

*Members and guests, please sign the Fellowship Pads
to let us know of your presence with us.
(Deacons Loose Change Offering is taken today)*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

MUSICAL OFFERING "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Wilberg
Chancel Choir

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 10 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 47 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

Anne Hughes is the translator for Rev. Cen Colli.

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.

†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. Amen.**

Sealing the Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 411 "God Is Here Today"

Please remain seated during this hymn while the children and youth come forward for communion.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Children: Why do we give thanks at this table?

**People: We give thanks for God's creation,
for making us in God's image.
We give thanks because God never gave up on us,
even though we were not faithful to God.
We give thanks because when it was time,
God sent the only Son, Jesus, to show God's love for us.**

Children: How do we praise God for all this?

Leader: With all the faithful of every time and place,
this song is sung to God's glory:

**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.**

Children: What do we remember at this table?

**People: We remember God's Son, Jesus:
He healed the sick and restored sight to the blind;
He welcomed strangers and ate with outcasts.
Dying on the cross, he saved us from our sins,
Risen from the dead, he gives us new life.**

Children: How are we able to remember?

**People: We are able to remember
because of the gift of the Holy Spirit,
God's first gift to those who believe,
who will complete God's work in the world.**

Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

Leader: On the night before he died,
Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his friends.
He told them to eat it and remember him.
And ministering in Jesus' name, we do likewise.

Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Leader: After the meal, Jesus took the cup, and gave it to them
as the promise that our sins are forgiven.
And ministering in Jesus' name, we do likewise.

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: DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ

Children: But this is just everyday bread and grape juice.
Leader: Let us pray that the everyday bread and juice will become holy:
Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

**People: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honor are yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

Leader: Since this meal brings us together with all Christians, Let us pray for the needs of the world, the church, and all of God's children.

(The pastor offers prayers asking God to help all those in need.)

Now, together let us pray the family prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord's Supper demonstrates the all encompassing love of God. 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. ALL the bread is gluten-free.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

"Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren" Brahms

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 637 "O Sing to the Lord"

†BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Minuet" Boellmann

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

The liturgist this morning is Carl Fischer. Carl is the volunteer Business Manager for FPC. Carl is an usher, and an elder. He and his wife Charlotte have been members for 39 years. You'll see them a lot this week helping out at the Rummage Sale

The flowers in the chancel are from donations to the flower fund.

The ushers are Alan and Judy Bean, Cheryl Bowman, Kevin Casady, Robert Doll, Co-Leader, Edward (Bud) Erickson, Robert Forsyth, Roger Krieger, Carter Montri, John Otzen, Alexander Pavlov, Terry Palleschi, Co-Leader, J. Cooper and McKenna Smith.

The breads from around the world will be served immediately following the service in Calvin Hall during coffee hour.

Brahms Piece Translation:
*Do not be sorrowful or regretful;
Be calm, as God has ordained, and thus my will shall be content.
What do you want to worry about from day to day? There is One who stands above all who gives you, too, what is yours.
Only be steadfast in all you do, stand firm; what God has decided, that is and must be the best. Amen*

Hymntune: CANTAI AO
SENHOR

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! You are welcome here just as you are at whatever place in your spiritual journey that you find yourself. If you have any questions about who we are, what we believe or what we do please ask one of our elders or pastors. They will be pleased to visit with you. Please know that you are invited to join us for coffee and goodies in Calvin Hall,