



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2017

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,  
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now  
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.



### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

Jesus finds a boat, crosses the Sea of Galilee, and arrives at his adopted home town, Capernaum. Disembarking, he sees some men bringing to him a paralyzed man, lying on a stretcher. Jesus takes note of their faith, and says to the paralytic, "Cheer up, my child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes, watching, murmur among themselves, "This man is speaking blasphemy!" Jesus knows their thoughts, turns to them and asks, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? For which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk?'" Jesus continues, "But just so you make no mistake that The Son of Man has authority on earth, right here and now, to forgive sins, I shall repeat my command." Jesus turns to the paralytic and says, "Stand up, take your bed and go home where you belong." Without so much as a word, the man rises to his feet, takes his stretcher, and goes home on his own steam. And the crowds who are watching are filled with awe and glorify God, the one who has given such authority to human beings.

Matthew 9:1-8. (Translation by Bob Newman)

PRELUDE

The House of God

Gilbert M. Martin

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Let the River Flow

Darrell Patton Evans

Let the poor man say, "I am rich in Him." Let the lost man say, "I am found in Him." Let the river flow! Let the blind man say, "I can see a - gain." Let the dead man say, "I am born a - gain." Let the river flow! Let the river flow! Let the river flow! Let the river flow! Ho - ly Spi - rit, come! Move in pow'r! (repeat second time only) Let the ri - ver flow. Let the ri - ver flow. Let the riv - er flow. Let the riv - er flow. *D.C. al Fine* *Fine*

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Ginna Taylor

\*RESPONSE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your prais - es. I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us. You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay. from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky. Lord, I lift Your name on high!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GINNA TAYLOR

God of perfect love, You continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, despair to hope, death to life. Change our hearts, we pray, and take away the sin that burdens us, so that we will be the people You would have us be.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

BILL MCCOY

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so we may greet each other by name

MINUTE FOR MISSION

TASTY TUESDAY

MARY MCCOY

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SALLIE DAUGHERTY

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

\*HYMN 754

HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

BARONITA

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GINNA TAYLOR

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*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.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BILL MCCOY

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

ARIA

GEORGE F. HANDEL

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GINNA TAYLOR

Lord God, You are the giver of all good gifts. Receive these gifts, we pray, and multiply them for the building of Your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

SOLO

The Tree of Life

Dave Pearcy

*I read of a garden so filled with peace. A man and a woman walked with God in this place.*

*Deceived, they turned from His love and were destined to die.*

*And a burning sword stands to the east guarding man from the tree of life.*

*The tree of life, the tree of life, promising all of us no longer will die.*

*It's made of Love from God above, because He wants all of His children to come home.*

*And it's so simple that we just need to believe in this, the tree of life.*

*Our God in heaven watched His blind sheep turn away, but His love for all of us could never ever fade.*

*It was our God's plan to come to Earth as man. He'd teach us His love and give us His life. Our Lord gave us His life.*

*And the tree in the garden stood so gloriously. But the greatest tree was raised on Calvary,*

*Where the Light of the world gave us His life in sacrifice, and by His resurrection His Cross became The Tree of Life.*

*And if we open up our hearts we can receive the gift of life and love He gave for you and me on this, The Tree of Life.*

Dave Pearcy, soloist

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 18:1-15; Pew Bible, OT, p. 14

Bill McCoy

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 5:1-8; Pew Bible, NT, p. 155

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:35-10:1; Pew Bible, NT, p. 9

Bob Newman

SERMON

Our Addictive Brain

Bob Newman

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Bob Newman

\*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 541

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

*Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Triumphant*  
Fred Gaul, organist

David Paxton

We gather to worship; we scatter to serve.

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*In worship leadership last Sunday:* We thank James Odin for chiming the Trinity and Annette Lee and Ruth Odin for serving as acolytes during worship June 11.

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please accompany children.

*Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114

*Elder visitation:* Amanda Hughes, Jennelle Jones, Chris Klingler

*The flowers in the sanctuary today* remind us that Vic & Nancy Burkhammer have given a contribution to the Hunger Fund for the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy's father, Lawrence I. Miller and her grandfather, A. Price Johnson.

*Greeters today:* Dwayne & Judy Price, JoAnn Dawson and Susan Watkins

*We are thankful* for the generous gifts given to the Food Pantry in memory of Judy Keller.

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