

The First Presbyterian Church

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All members of the congregation

The Celebration of Worship Stewardship Sunday

September 30, 2018

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

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side--let Israel now say--if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Paula Legge, organ

Lani Smith

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Now is the Time to Worship
(See insert)

Brian Doerksen

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

*RESPONSE

Find Us Faithful

Jon Mohr

O may all who come be-hind us find us faith-ful. May the
fire of our de-vo-tion light their way. May the foot-prints that we
leave lead them to be-lieve and the lives we live in-spire them to o-
bey. O may all who come be-hind us find us faith-ful.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

Leader: God of healing grace, we were lost and broken. You sent us a Savior, Jesus the Christ, who mended our brokenness, and renewed our strength.

All: Yet we take for granted Your boundless goodness, freely given to us when we were in desperate need. In tender mercy, forgive us. By Your Spirit, lead us, that we would demonstrate genuine thanksgiving, through gracious words and glad service; loving as we have been loved, and giving as we have received.

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.

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Christian Johnson

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

Christian Johnson

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

Morning Has Broken

Gilbert Martin

*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

God of promise and hope, as those in need wait upon Your grace, may we give generously. Bless
what we bring in the name of our Lord. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might be saved.*

The Geneva Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
EPISTLE LESSON

Psalms 19:7-14; Pew Bible, OT, p. 499
James 5:13-20; Pew Bible, NT, p. 231

Christian Johnson

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 7:1-21; Pew Bible, NT, p. 6

Bill McCoy

SERMON

Reaping and Sowing

Bill McCoy

*CONCLUDING HYMN 625

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

*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

Postlude in G Major
Paula Legge, organ

J. S. Bach

We gather to worship,
We scatter to serve,
In the relentless love of Christ.

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: *In worship leadership last Sunday:* We thank Julia Campbell for chiming the Trinity and Alicia Raab and
: Theron Raab for serving as acolytes during worship September 23.
: *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:* Sarah Smith, Jennifer Snider, Tim Spears
: *The flowers in the sanctuary today* remind us that a contribution has been given to the Hunger Fund for
: the glory of God and in honor of our granddaughter, Julia Campbell, by David and Sandy Campbell.
: *Greeters today:* Eddie and Joyce Baker, Sharen Franklin, Kristen Harrison
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