

# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 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

Psalms 71

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long. Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent. For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together. They say, "Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken, for there is no one to deliver." O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace. But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge. I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone. O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you? You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. You will increase my honor, and comfort me once again. I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued. All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help, for those who tried to do me harm have been put to shame, and disgraced.

PRELUDE

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Ellen Kerrick

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

You Are the Way

Pat Sczebel

Dead in transgressions and sins, without God, without hope in this world. Then, the glor-i-ous  
light of Your gos-pel broke in. The Fath-er stood up— from His throne, o-pened His  
arms as He called out my name. Grace ir-resist - i-ble drew me, o-pened my eyes to see:  
You are the Way — You are the Truth, — You are the Life, Je - sus,  
the on - ly Way, — the on - ly Truth, — You are my life, Je - sus.  
You are the Source of new life, the Giver of every good thing, Withholding no - thing. You  
lav - ish Your kind-ness on me. You emp - tied Your-self, — be - came poor,  
humbled and poured — out to death. Now high - ly ex - alt - ed a - bove all, Your name a - lone can save.  
You are the Way — You are the Truth, — You are the Life, Je - sus,  
the on - ly Way, — the on - ly Truth, — You are my life, Je - sus.

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

\*RESPONSE 627

I Love You, Lord

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GINNA TAYLOR

Lord, You call us to work for justice today, but we put it off until another day. You call us to bring hope, but inside we sometimes give up on making a difference. You call us to believe in a better tomorrow, but we don't always believe that it is possible. Forgive us, we pray, and change our hearts, O God, so that we may work toward Your vision of justice and compassion for every person, and for a bright and hopeful tomorrow.

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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Bible Presentation

Sallie Daugherty

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

\*HYMN 228

Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

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

In My Father's House

Martin, Courtney

*In my Father's house, you will find a place in the warm embrace of an open door.  
In my Father's house, leave the past behind. Come inside and find what you're longing for.  
In my Father's house, solace can be found; comfort will surround the bruised and broken.  
In my Father's house, children live in peace, war and hatred cease, and love is spoken.  
In my Father's house, pardoned from all sin, free from what has been, life can start again.  
In my Father's house, prodigals come home; no one walks alone. Come and enter in!*

The Geneva Choir

\*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

You are generous and full of grace, O Lord. Take these tithes and offerings, and make them a part of Your generosity and grace through the ministries of this church. We ask in Christ's name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Isaiah 26:19-21; Pew Bible, OT, p. 653	Ken Tolley
GOSPEL LESSON	John 20:24-29; Pew Bible, NT, p. 115	
EPISTLE LESSON	1 Corinthians 15:1-19; Pew Bible, NT, p. 176	Christian Johnson
SERMON	Lynch Pin	Christian Johnson
*CONCLUDING HYMN 353	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	SOLID ROCK
*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BLESSING		Christian Johnson
*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	St. Anthony Chorale Paula Legge, organ	Johannes Brahms
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We gather to worship,  
We scatter to serve,  
In the relentless love of Christ.

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• *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:* Mike Abernethy, Ben Adams, Eddie Baker

• *The flowers in the sanctuary today* remind us that a contribution has been given to the Hunger Fund for  
• the glory of God by Nancy and Dennis Winefordner in honor of their grandson, Nolan Jarrett, who  
• celebrates his third birthday on October 12th.

• *Greeters today:* Paul Kinneberg, Barb Gessner, Diana Rustemeyer

• *We are thankful* for the generous gifts given to the Food Pantry.

• PLEASE FEEL FREE TO KEEP THIS BULLETIN OR DROP IT IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU!

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