First Presbyterian Church

July 7, 2019
9:30 a.m.
Communion
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July 7, 2019  4th Sunday after Pentecost  9:30 a.m.

Prelude  
*Meditation on St. Anne  
Gordon Young

Processional  
Bailey Bowles

Greetings

*Call to Worship  
Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
People: who made heaven and earth.  
Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?  
People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

*Prayer of the Day  
Holy God, you are for all the world a river of shelter and nourishment, a city of joy and riches, the defender of those you love. Take us into your arms again this day and feed us with the power of your comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.

*Hymn  
*Eternal Father, Strong to Save  
No. 562

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession  
Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.  
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.  
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.  
Silence

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving  
*Gloria Patri  
No. 579
Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use. Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one. All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.

Children’s Information—Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children’s worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in The Well. Remember, quiet play in The Well is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. And, finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the South end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to look after and engage your child from Birth to Kindergarten. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child’s (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris—Director of Children’s Ministry)

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary or The Well without an adult escort. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and given to the glory of God given to the glory of God and in gratitude for life in this land of the free by Becky and David Deckard.

Praying for the Church Family—As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Jill & Eric Coldwater and family, Bill Devore, Jack & Mary Hollowell, Judy Bogart, Katie Waddell-Ritz and family and Bob Moore.

If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.
Join me for the next few weeks for a Sermon Series entitled, "The Politics of Power—The Rise and Fall of David." In this sermon series we will see how David came to power, how he used power, and how he abused power. And, yet, David has been described as a man after God’s own heart and the ideal Shepherd King. How can this be? And what might this say about leaders who wield power and are idolized by the people—be they Pastors or Politicians or CEO's? Could it be that there is a little hero worship going on that only sees what we want to see in a leader?

Immediately after the worship service, we will meet in The Well to discuss the sermon. A brunch will be provided, thanks to Alice Price, for a small suggested donation of $5.00. I have called this "And the Conversation Continues." The conversation that began with a monologue (my sermon) becomes a dialogue as we discuss the questions (provided in the handout) and additional questions you have.

I do hope you will be able to come to worship for all or any of the weeks to discuss the story of David and ask what might these stories have to say to us about the use and abuse of power and what our response should be as one called to be conformed to the image of Christ—the quintessential Shepherd King of Israel.

~ Pastor Brent
Prayer of Great 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.

The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God,
People: Thanks be to God.

Communion Music
Communion Meditation
Alexandre Guilmant

Prayer after Communion
*Hymn
O for a World
No. 386

*Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

**Recessional
*Postlude
God of our Fathers
arr. Lorenz

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders
Pastor
Brent O. Johnston
Liturgist
Judy Michel
Director of Music
Steve Bixler
Organist
Gary Huffman

News & Events

FPC Playgroup Coordinator Needed!!

Starting this summer, First Church will have a program for parents or caregivers with young children (0-5 years old). This playgroup is designed to meet once a month and allow great enrichment opportunities, socialization, and involvement in the life of the church for both children and adults. We are looking for a Playgroup Coordinator to facilitate the development, organization, and engagement of parents and their young children (ages 0-5) in a monthly, playgroup program. The position will receive a small stipend. Contact Michelle Murray-Cline (794-1195) for more information.

Pool People Wanted!!

Whispering Winds Camp seeks to hire a Pool Supervisor, at least 21 years old, with a HS/GED degree. The Pool Supervisor would supervise two Lifeguards and perform other maintenance and administrative responsibilities.

Whispering Winds Camp also seeks lots of Pool People who like to get wet, get tan, and have fun! Regular hours will be 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, plus holidays.

NEEDED: Truck to pick up furniture for refugees

Some very generous folks are downsizing and donating furniture that is too large to be hauled in a pick-up. Does anyone have a medium size truck that they would be willing to drive so that the refugee men can load the furniture and directly deliver to some eager families? Please contact Mary Knecht, at 942-8068 or email knechtmary@hotmail.com, if you can help or provide a lead to someone who can.
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<td>12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)</td>
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*The Peace*

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**First Reading**

Galatians 6:1-16

**Special Music**

*God Bless America*

Irving Berlin

Marilyn Heffner

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, 
Let us swear allegiance to a land that’s free, 
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, 
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God bless America, land that I love. 
Stand beside her and guide her thru the night with a light from above. 
From the mountains to the prairies, 
to the ocean white with foam.

God bless America, my home sweet home.

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**Second Reading**

2 Samuel 6:1-19

**Sermon Series**

“The Politics of Power: The Rise and Fall of David”

Week 4: “Story of Uzzah and the Ark”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

**Call to Stewardship**

**Offertory**

*Arioso: Thanks Be to God*

G. F. Handel

No. 592

**Doxology**

*Prayer of Dedication*

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

**Invitation to the Table**