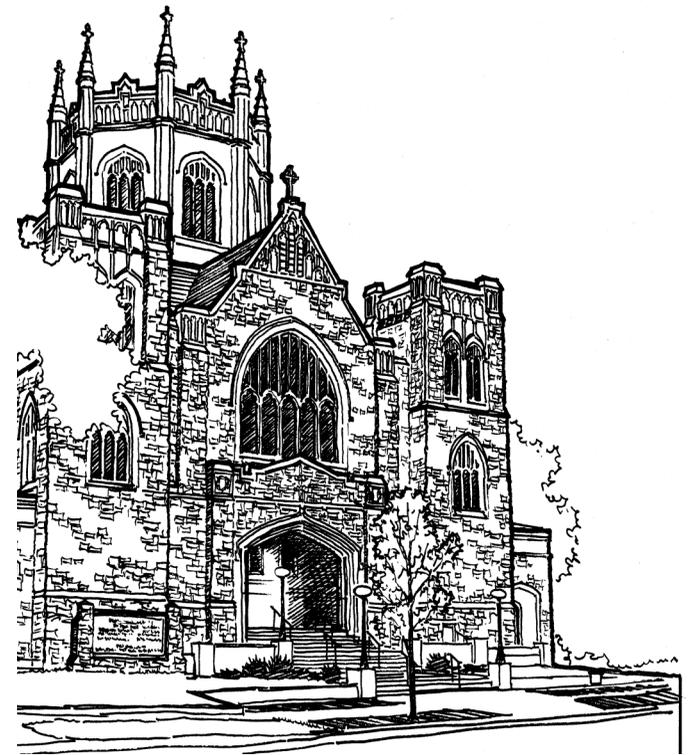


First Presbyterian Church



August 22, 2021
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13th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

John Innes

Greetings

*Call to Worship - excerpt from Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: My soul longs, indeed, it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

People: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

People: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Leader: O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

*Prayer of the Day

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all both near and far: By your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying: Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (vs. 1-4)

No. 138

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen, the glory of the heavens declare your handiwork and the earth is the abode of life-not just human life but life in its many forms. When humans give thanks to You for the good gifts that enable life to flourish this pleases You. And when humans exercise dominion so as to be good stewards over creation this also pleases You. But when we exchange the glory of God for the glory of humanity, when we worship the created instead of the created, with towers of Babel constructed to our greatness, this displeases You. In so doing, we reap what we sow- for left to our own devices the wage of sin is death.

People: Therefore, we confess our domestication of the holy with our temples, with our rites and rituals, as if they compel You to act in our favor, guaranteeing the blessings of life are ours for the taking. Forgive us for turning costly grace into cheap grace. As if Christ's death on the cross justifies the sinner and sin with no need to hear the words from Christ upon granting absolution, "Go and sin no more."

All: Truly, may these artifices to our egos come down so that not one stone be left upon another. Instead, let the new humanity in Jesus Christ be the temple where your glory resides because we have become fully alive to your presence and purposes for this world. This we humbly pray. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

*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.

People: And also with you.

Kid's Connection (pre-recorded)

Liz Norris & Geri Doll

First Reading:

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Second Reading

Mark 13:1-2, John 2:13-22

Sermon

"A House for Yahweh or A Way to Domesticate the Holy?"

Dr. Rev. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith - *Shorter Catechism from Westminster Confession of Faith*

Q. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

A. The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Q. What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

A. The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words: "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

Q. What do the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

A. The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us that because God is the Lord, and our God and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

Q. Which is the First Commandment?

A. The First Commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Q. What is required in the First Commandment?

A. The First Commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Q. What is forbidden in the First Commandment?

A. The First Commandment forbids the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other which is due to him alone.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory *I Am the Sunshine* David Wilcox
Steve Bixler, Bass

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (vs. 1, 3) No. 281

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Choral Response

*Postlude *Mighty Maker of All* Rachel Sawyer

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Brent O. Johnston
Liturgist Dave Fulton
Director of Music Steve Bixler
Organist Mark Sweeney

Production Crew

Dave Muehl, Sound; Sailor Sulier, Computer Graphics;
Bob Moler, Camera Operator; Michelle Edwards, Video Editor.

News & Events

SINGERS WANTED!

If you are interested in singing in the church choir, we resumed our choir season beginning last Sunday, August 15. We will maintain proper social distancing. Masks are encouraged, but not required. Rehearsal begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. All are welcome! Thank you for your continued dedication to our music program.

-Steve Bixler, Director of Music

“Earth Day” Ice Cream Social

You are all invited to a church-wide celebration on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 (rain or shine!). The Minisa Park has been reserved for a time of fun and fellowship for the whole church family.

First Presbyterian's Stewardship Committee is planning activities for all ages so that we might celebrate God's beautiful earth and learn how to be good stewards. Please come so we can reconnect deeply to the wellspring of life in person.

You can come as early as 5:30 p.m. We will plan to serve the ice cream outside at 6:00 p.m. Water and lemonade will also be available. Kids can enjoy the outdoor playground, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, etc. Bring your own lawn chair.



Family Fun...Play Ball!

We have the opportunity to join in fellowship with others from First Pres as well as Presbyterians from other churches for a night at the Ball Park. **This event will take place at the Wind Surge game on Saturday September 11. The game starts at 6:05 p.m.**

All Presbyterians will sit together. The cost for this event is \$15. If you are interested, please notify the church office by Thursday, August 26 or call Patty Cole at 250-4577 on August 27 to August 29 to reserve tickets. Ticket money will be collected in the office and tickets will be available at the game! This is a fun opportunity to watch some baseball and enjoy fellowship!



News

Session News

The Session has discussed COVID protocols and the safety of the staff and worshippers of FPC at every Session Meeting since April 2020.

At the most recent meeting on August 17, the Session voted to strongly Recommend that all persons entering the building wear a mask. Signs requesting that those entering the building wear a mask will be placed at the south and west entrances.

(Note: Social distancing is still required inside the building.)

New Class of Session Elders and Commission Assignments

Each year when the new class of elders joins the Session, some of the commission assignments change. Therefore, I thought it might be helpful for all to know the commission assignment(s) of each of the current ruling elders.

Camp: DJ Spaeth & Brent Duncan

Christian Education: Michelle Murray-Cline & Brent Duncan

Evangelism & Hospitality: Cynthia Rekoske & Patty Cole

Facilities: Marc Jones & DJ Spaeth

Finance: Louise Farmer & David Miller

Mission: Patrice Cummings

Personnel: Ann Eastwood, Patty Cole, Louise Farmer & Phil Michel

Stewardship: Carol Blumenshine & Jeff Van Sickle

Worship & Music: Phil Michel, Bill Sloan & Patty Cole

KLC Transformation Committee: Cynthia Berner, David Miller, Patrice Cummings, Cynthia Rekoske and Jeff Van Sickle

Please note that the commissions and committees have other members in addition to the elders listed. If you are interested in serving on any of the commissions, please communicate with one of the elders assigned to that commission.

-Melinda Sears, Clerk of Session



Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! If you recently had a change in address, e-mail, or phone number, please feel free to contact the office on Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that we may update your information.

Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.

Please use the friendship pad in the pews to write your name and update any changes to contact information. Thank you.

Children’s Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. 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 supervise 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, if needed. 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 without an adult escort. In addition, all children and youth group activities including children in the Nursery must be supervised by a minimum of 2 authorized staff or volunteers.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sympathy-The white rose on the baptismal font today is in honor of Mike Caradine who passed away this last week and has entered the Church Triumphant. Please keep his wife Kristin and their family and friends in your prayers as they grieve their loss.

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: Virginia Edwards, John & Beth Garrison, Nancy Moore, and Katie Savute-Guimond and family.

Calendar

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 22

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 Refugee Worship (Parlor)
- 10:45 Deacons Mtg (C109)
- 10:45 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg (McComb/Zoom)

Tuesday, August 24

- 1:00 Staff Mtg (MS Teams/*The Well*)
- 2:30 Pastoral Staff Mtg (MS Teams/*The Well*)

Wednesday, August 25

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)

Saturday, August 28

- 10:00 COVID Booster Event (C109)

Sunday, August 29

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 Refugee Worship (Parlor)
- 7:00 Family Fellowship Event (Offsite)

Camp Pool Hours Change

With our students back in school the pool will now be open from 4 to 8 p.m. on Fridays and 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. **The pool will be open for swimming through Labor Day, September 6.**

Barista Trainees Needed for Coffee Fellowship in *The Well*

We would like to start training a few volunteers to become Baristas during the Sunday Coffee Fellowship in *The Well* before and after Sunday Worship services.

We will be holding a Barista training in late August. Please contact Cynthia Rekoske at 316-992-9595 or the church office at 263-0248 if you are interested in learning and volunteering so we can begin providing this service and time of fellowship to our members again.

Thank you!



The FPC 150th Anniversary Cookbooks Are Still for Sale!

The 150th Anniversary Cookbooks are here. Contact Geri Doll to order a cookbook or come by the office on Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to purchase your cookbook. You may also purchase a cookbook on Sundays after worship. They are only \$15.