



First Presbyterian Church of Athens

In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

July 21, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

*Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, **please silence your cell phone.** The nursery is available downstairs during the service. Consult an usher if you need a personal hearing device, large-print bulletin, or large-print hymnal.*

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

Introit and Processional

Curtis Bryant

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Song of Gathering

AZMON

This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are all God's own.

Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

the teachings of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

The law of the Lord is more precious than fine gold;

the goodness of God is sweeter than honey.

*Hymn 470

O Day of Radiant Gladness

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*The congregation is invited to speak or sing the liturgy in **bold** type.*

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends, and check in on Facebook.

In the text of Hymn 470, the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost – each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

* *Those who are able may stand.*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you are the God of hospitality and grace. Forgive us when we close our doors to strangers or close our hearts to you. You are the God of good news and great joy. Forgive us when we hide behind the bad news of this world and lose sight of your holy hope. You are the God of all people, united in the body of Christ. Forgive us for fracturing your body and reconcile us in your Spirit.

***Silent Prayer**

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response**

Hymn 579

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.

***The Peace**

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

And also with you.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you.

Worshippers may greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

Children's Church will not meet over the summer. Children are invited to remain in worship.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 339, Stanza 1

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

First Lesson

Mark 2:23-28, page 914

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

This Is the Day

attr. W. A. Mozart

This is the day the Lord has made; he calls the hours his own;
let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.
Hosanna in the highest strains the church on earth can raise!
The highest heavens in which he reigns shall give him nobler praise.
The God of our salvation. Give thanks to God for he is good. Alleluia.

Second Lesson

Exodus 20:8-11, page 65

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Words to Live By: The Ten Commandments

Fourth Word: Sabbath

Dr. Ryan Baer

The anthem is a paraphrase of Psalm 118 by Isaac Watts set to music attributed to Mozart.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 390

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

ST. STEPHEN

A Time for Children

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpts from *The Study Catechism of the PC(USA)*

What are the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments give a summary of God's law for our lives. They teach us how to live rightly with God and one another.

Why should you obey this law?

Not to win God's love, for God already loves me. Not to earn my salvation, for Christ has earned it for me. Not to avoid being punished, for then I would obey out of fear. With gladness in my heart I should obey God's law out of gratitude, for God has blessed me by it and given it for my well-being.

What is the fourth commandment?

Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy.

What do you learn from this commandment?

God requires a special day to be set apart so that worship can be at the center of my life. It is right to honor God with thanks and praise, and to hear and receive God's Word, so that I may have it in my heart, and on my lips, and put it into practice in my life.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

. . . and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. . .

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Arioso

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Doxology

Hymn 592

**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

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

*Hymn 540

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Hymn 538, Stanza 1

**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson



Over the summer, the children will be learning about different parts of worship. The children are invited forward where they find the church mouse.

A catechism is a set of questions and answers regarding essential matters of Christian life and faith. The origin of the word "catechism" is from the Greek for "oral teaching." Although not formally included in *The Book of Confessions*, *The Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church (USA)* was approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998).

A North American Congregational minister wrote the text of Hymn 540 as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye." The tune was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Following worship, all are invited for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Atrium.

Texts and music for hymns and sung responses reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-714861

A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the Fellowship Pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Nurseries for infants and toddlers, available from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m., are located next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
Dr. Carol Strickland, *Associate Pastor*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*
Allen Crowell, *Lay Reader*

USHERS

Kitty Donnan (head),
Carl Bergmann, Kent Burel, Carla Buss,
Larry Jones, Frank Sherrill

FELLOWSHIP HOST

Michelle Clendenen-Shaw

GREETERS

Michelle Clendenen-Shaw, Jane Kimbrell,
Barb Laughlin, Ella Stewart

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

John Patrick Ave-Lallemant

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God.

We welcome Dr. Michael Brown as our guest trumpeter. Dr. Brown served as Professor of Music and Head of the Music Education Department at The Mississippi State University until his retirement in 2016. He is a native Georgian and holds graduate degrees in music education from the University of Georgia. Dr. Brown now resides on the Gulf Coast and is an avid gardener and fisherman.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Richard Lane, Clerk of Session
Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor

CLASS OF 2019

Robbie Bryan
Greta Terrell Covington
DeeAnn Cox
Bob Glasscock
Mary Havick
Joe Hermanowicz
Richard Lane
Mary Peace
Lawton Stephens
Dan Trier

CLASS OF 2020

Jeff Bangle
Meghan Bawcum
Bob Burton
Julie Hayes
Sydney Jackson
Avery McLean
Jeanne Nadenicek
Carl Nichols
Tom Reigle
Judy Scanlon

CLASS OF 2021

Jennifer Walden Abbott
Sandy Boyles
Michelle Clendenen-Shaw
Elizabeth Earl
Ed Ferguson
Rob Haire
Grace Lu
Chris Pope
Mixon Robinson
Rosemary Stancil

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 21

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
10:00 a.m. Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
11:05 a.m. Fellowship, Atrium

Sunday, July 21 - Saturday, July 27 - Montreat Youth Conference

Tuesday, July 23

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Bride's Room

Wednesday, July 24

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Wonderful Wednesday
11:30 a.m. Bookless Book Group, Savannah Room, 1179 S. Lumpkin St.
12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
4:00 p.m. Chair Yoga, Room 310

Friday, July 26

- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Judson Kilpatrick, Reception Following

Sunday, July 28 - Senior Adult Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching

LOOKING AHEAD

August 7 - Last Weekday School Wonderful Wednesday

August 9-11 - Montreat Women's Conference

August 11 - Back-to-School Blessing

August 12 - Handbell Choir Resumes

August 14 - Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resumes

August 18-25 - Family Promise of Athens (Formerly IHNA) Host Week

August 18 - Two Worship Services Resume, Fall Kickoff Brunch, Children's Church Resume, Children's Choir Rehearsals Resume, Youth Kickoff Potluck

Summer Schedule

Sunday School and Children's Church will not meet over the summer. Children are invited to remain in worship. Watch for the church mouse in your bulletin each Sunday with "A Time for Children."



Summer Office Hours

The church office will close at 2:00 p.m. on Friday afternoons through July 26. Our office hours are: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday. If you need assistance after hours, please call the church office to reach the pastor on call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOVE NOTES FOR JOHN

Blank cards are in your bulletin for those wishing to write encouraging notes to John Kipp. Baskets to collect the cards are in the Narthex and in the Atrium. Please keep John and Sara in your prayers.

BOOKLESS BOOK GROUP

July 24, 11:30 a.m.

A group of women meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month to enjoy lunch and conversation. We meet at a variety of restaurants and invite anyone interested to join us. Our next meeting will be on July 24 at Savannah Room, 1179 S. Lumpkin St.

SUMMER CHOIR

All interested singers are invited to join us in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse music for that morning's service. Our Chancel Choir will be the foundation of this group. Singers may join us for any single Sunday or for as many as they wish. Adults, youth, and children are all welcome.

HOSPITAL VISITATION POLICY

Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center is no longer able to provide our pastors and lay callers a list of FPC members who are in the hospital.

If you are in the hospital, please call the church office so we can provide pastoral care.

Words to Live By: The Ten Commandments

According to a 2007 study, more Americans can name the seven ingredients in a Big Mac and the eight members of the family on TV's "The Brady Bunch" than can name the Ten Commandments. This summer, we are exploring The Ten Commandments in a sermon series entitled "Words to Live By." Each week, we'll be examining one of the commandments and thinking critically about how it applies to our lives today.

Senior Adult Sunday: Honor Your Father and Mother Next Sunday, July 28

Please plan to be part of our annual celebration of our senior members next Sunday, July 28. Our theme for this year's event will be tied to Dr. Baer's summer sermon series on The Ten Commandments.

The seniors of First Presbyterian Church bring so many gifts to our congregation. Their impact on our church is beyond measure. The 10:00 a.m. service will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall, and we invite everyone to attend and celebrate. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate as a host or help provide refreshments. We hope to see you there!

Back-to-School Blessing August 11, 10:00 a.m.

We invite all students to bring their bookbags and backpacks Sunday, August 11, for a special blessing as we begin another school year. Please fill your bookbags with extra school supplies that will be donated to students in Athens and surrounding counties who need additional school materials.

Needed School Supplies: bookbags, notebook paper, pencils, new or gently used school uniforms, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, glue sticks, scissors, 3-ring binders, spiral notebooks (single or multi-subject), and folders with pockets and prongs.

Next Family Promise (Formerly IHNA) Host Week August 18-25, Sign-up today!

Please sign-up in the Atrium today for our next host week. You may also check the online calendar or email Susan Boatwright at boatwright.susan@gmail.com or Frank Sherrill at franksherrill@gmail.com to volunteer.