

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

October 14, 2018

\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

**Bold-type** indicates congregational reading or singing.

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**As We Gather . . .** "Have you ever thought about the difference between a spoon and a ladle? A spoon is small enough to hold food for one mouth. A ladle holds more than one spoonful to dip food out of a container to fill a bowl. A spoon is used for one person. A ladle is designed for serving more than one.

God showers us with ladles of grace, love, and gifts to care for our needs but to also care for the needs of others in God's transforming work in the world. Do we give with a spoon so that the church will meet our needs? Or do we give with a ladle full of generosity to help our church reach beyond our walls to share the love of Christ?"

Debbie Riggsby

**Prelude**

"Prelude in G Major"

J. S. Bach

### Welcome and Announcements

Please pass the black friendship pad found at the end of the pew, with both guests and members filling in their information. Then pass the pad back to its starting point, noting names and welcoming those near you.

**\*Minute for Stewardship**

Elder Ken Corn

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 24

The earth and all that is in it belongs to God.

**God has created all things on the earth below and in the heavens above.**

God has established the day and the night, created the seasons, and given us this day to be alive.

**We praise the Holy God for these many blessings. We open our hands to receive God's good gifts. We offer our lives in gratitude to God.**

**\*Opening Hymn of Praise #697, verses 1-4 "Take My Life"**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you. We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we continue to pray in the silence of our hearts . . .

**\*Time of Silent Prayer**

**\*Sung Prayer #697, verse 5**  
**Take my will and make it thine;**  
**It shall be no longer mine.**  
**Take my heart, it is thine own;**  
**It shall be thy royal throne,**  
**It shall be thy royal throne.**

**“Take My Life”**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**  
We speak and believe the Good News:  
**God’s giving to us is endless.**  
God reaches out to us again and again.  
**We give thanks for God’s endless gifts of grace!**

**\*Sung Response #697, verse 6**  
**Take my love; my Lord, I pour**  
**At thy feet its treasure store;**  
**Take myself and I will be**  
**Ever, only, all for thee,**  
**Ever, only, all for thee.**

**“Take My Life”**

**\*Passing of the Peace**  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Please say “The peace of Christ be with you” to those around you, and then greet everyone, especially those whom you do not know.

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

### **Time for Children**

Children fifth grade and under are invited to the chancel steps for the Time for Children. Younger children are welcome to bring adults with them. Afterward, children five years old and under will be escorted to Children’s Church, or they may return to sit with their parents.

**Prayer for Illumination (unison)**  
**O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus**  
**Christ our Savior. Amen**

Tamra Starnes

### **Scripture Lesson**

Mark 10:17-31  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible NT, p. 56

### **Sermon**

“Sticker Shock”

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

### **Invitation to Discipleship**

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, church membership, or a special prayer request, please speak with a pastor or usher.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

An Affirmation by Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.

**\*Hymn of Response #692**

**“Spirit, Open My Heart”**

(choir sing verses; all sing refrain)

Prayers of the People ending with the Lord's Prayer *(using “sins” and “sin”)*

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Service of Giving**

**Music at the Offering**

“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Edwin Childs

Alyssa Buchanan, Soprano

**\*Response #708, verse 1**

**“We Give Thee but Thine Own”**

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Giving God, you continue to watch over us and sustain us daily in our needs. Accept now our gifts, for they acknowledge your abundant care. Take them and use them to your glory and honor. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn of Sending #716**

**“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

**\*Charge and Blessing for the Meal**

**Benediction Response**

“Dresden Amen”

**\*Postlude**

“Fugue in G Major”

J. S. Bach

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The rose in the chancel is in honor of Emersyn Leigh Suttles,  
daughter to Brittany Howes Suttles and Ryan Suttles, born September 27, 2018.

## ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

### Guests

Welcome! We are delighted you are worshipping with us. Please come to the visitors table located in the narthex Welcome Center and staffed by one of our members. We would love for you to consider becoming a member of our church family. Please feel free to speak with the pastors about this or any other questions.

### Sanctuary Shawls

Cold? Keeping temperature regulated in the sanctuary is a challenge. If you find the temperature too cool for you, please pick up a shawl from the stands in the narthex Welcome Center, returning it after the service. These shawls are graciously made and routinely cleaned by the South Mountain Fiber Guild, which meets in our facility.

### Children's Choir

Our children's choir, for grades 1-6, has started back up under the direction of Robert A. Smith. This group will eat a simple lunch following Sunday worship and then practice until around 1:15 PM. Talk to Robert or Pastor Adam to enroll your child today!

### Nursery

Nursery opens at 9:30 AM and is provided for infants and toddlers during the education hour and the worship service. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Sunday, Oct. 14

9:30 AM Christian Education Hour  
10:00 AM Chancel Choir  
10:30 AM Special Session Meeting—Chapel  
10:55 AM Worship Service  
12:05 PM Children's Choir  
12:15 PM Chili Cook-off  
5:00 PM Youth Fall Festival Prep

### Monday, Oct. 15

10:00 AM Mind, Body, Spirit Class  
12:00 PM Spire Light Deadline

### Tuesday, Oct. 16

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast

### Tuesday, Oct. 16, cont.

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, Oct. 17

10:30 AM Spire Light Volunteers  
4:40 PM Chancel Ringers  
5:00 PM Shepherd Ministry Meeting  
5:15 PM Adult/Kids Meal: *Breakfast for Dinner!*  
6:15 PM Carolina Style Chorus  
7:15 PM Chancel Choir

### Friday, Oct. 19

11:45 AM Leave for SuperStart

## SUNDAY LEADERS

### Sunday, Oct. 14

Bus Driver: Ken Corn  
Greeters: Tom and Casey Kilgore  
Steve and Jane Gantt  
Nursery: Catharine Corn  
Visitors Table: Jane Rigsbee  
Usher Captains: Scott Coley, Hugh Lowe

### Next Sunday, Oct. 21

Bus Driver: Scott Davis  
Greeters: Bill and Linda Harris  
John and Anne Wilson  
Nursery: Amber and John Gantt  
Visitors Table: Jane Rigsbee  
Usher Captains: Dick Peck, John Port

### Leadership

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Dr. Wanda Neely, Transitional Pastor  
Rev. Adam C. Bowling, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Lynn Webber, Parish Associate  
Mr. Robert A. Smith, Director of Music  
The Session

### **Class of 2019**

#### Elders

Ken Corn  
Hugh Lowe  
William Mode  
Olivia Redman  
Jean VanNoppen  
Louis Vinay

#### Deacons

Lori Conway  
Judy Gaskill  
Dennis McGill  
Tamra Starnes  
Caitie Thompson

### **Class of 2020**

#### Elders

John Gantt  
Eric LeGoullon  
Helen Sheppard  
Doug Veazey  
Anne Wilson

#### Deacons

Ann Bergelin  
Scott Davis  
Kelly Hawkins  
Richard Turner

### **Class of 2021**

#### Elders

Laura Aycock  
Jean Hawes  
Casey Kilgore  
Tommy McDaniel  
Lisa Roller

#### Deacons

Teresa Carpenter  
Marny Pritchard  
Edwin Ware  
Will Wilson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Meals and Programs

5:15 PM: Serving Begins for Meal in the Fellowship Hall

#### **Oct. 17: Carolina Style Chorus**

Adult/Kid Meal—breakfast for dinner

#### **Oct. 24: Fall Festival**

Adult/Kid Meal—bbq pork

#### **Oct. 31: No Meal/Program (Halloween)**

### Wednesday Night Meals Policy

Adults: \$7 Child: \$5 Family Cap: \$20

- ◆ Each individual/family must sign up weekly via the friendship pad or church website or by calling the church office before 10:00 AM on Monday.
- ◆ If a child wants the adult meal, they must pay the adult price of \$7.
- ◆ If you reserve a meal, please pay for it whether or not you attend, as the church must pay for those meals. All individuals and volunteers are required to pay for their meals.
- ◆ If you did not make a reservation, you are asked to wait until 5:40 PM to go through the line, to make sure there is enough food for those who made reservations.

### Donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Florence and Michael



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**  
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE.

Financial support for Presbyterian Disaster Relief can be designated to for the 2018 hurricanes. Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Or you may give a donation through First Presbyterian Church. Remember to designate your donation “2018 Hurricanes.”

### Be a Part of Our Food Fight!

We are joining with other churches in Burke County in collecting non-perishable food items to stock the BUCM food pantry. You can drop food off at church from Oct. 7 to Nov. 18. There will be weigh-ins of all donated food, and the church donating the most food will keep the Food Fight Belt for a year. Last year's Food Fight was a huge help in providing food to 19,612 individuals—totaling 809,801 pounds! Food collection Oct. 7-Nov. 18

### Stay for Lunch Today

#### Youth Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

Please stay after worship and eat at the Chili Cook-off. All funds raised will go to the Youth Mission Fund to support the 2019 Summer Mission Trip. Youth will be staying and helping.

### Youth Dinner & Fall Festival Prep—Today, 5:00 PM

Youth, gather your friends and meet in the fellowship hall for dinner. Following dinner, we will set up and decorate for the 2018 Fall Festival. Bring any ideas for new games and/or activities for the children. Bring \$3 for dinner, a snack and/or drink to share, and a bag of candy for the festival. Hope to see you there!

### Please Donate Candy!

We need individually wrapped candy or small toys for our Fall Festival on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Please bring your candy to the church office or place in the labeled bin in Pastor Adam's office.

## OUR CONGREGATION CARES

Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Linda and Bryant Lindsey and family at the death of Linda's father, Bob Baldwin, on October 9, 2018.

### Prayer Concerns

Our Prayer Concerns list is dedicated to church members and their families and friends in need of prayer. Names will remain on this list for four weeks unless a new request is made by contacting the church staff.

#### Home

Wyatt Aiken	Mary Cameron Best	Robbin Buchanan	Lori Conway
Anne Ervin	Sadie Hanger	Shannon Hodges	Sandra Morton
Joseph Pritchard	Debbie Wellmon		

#### Grace Ridge Health Care

Marty Brenneman	Mildred Plaster	Eleanor Robb	Betty Sasser
Boyd Smith	Sam Tate		

#### Trinity Ridge

Joan Dickison

#### College Pines

Nancy Collett

#### Extended Family and Friends

Bob Ledford, brother of Donna Benner; Sally Riddle, mother of Jim Best; Philip Hatcher, brother of Trey Hatcher; Tracy Kalpakjian Lillard, friend of Scott Davis; Emily Baldwin, mother of Linda Lindsey; Leslie Jennings Braswell, daughter of LaNelle Jennings; Carmen Divers, friend of Kathy Allan-Calloway; Bill Hall, retired chaplain, friend of Roy and Lynn Garrett

All are invited to sign the "We Care" card, located in the entrance area.

This card will be sent to an individual or family experiencing a special need or pastoral concern.

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### Prayer Requests

As a church family, it is important to remember each other in prayer during times of need.

If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please email:

Rev. Dr. Wanda Neely (wanda@firstpresmorganton.org) or

Rev. Adam Bowling (adam@firstpresmorganton.org).

If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, contact the church office.

Other options:

Add the below prayer request to the Prayer Concerns list.

I would like the church staff to pray for the below prayer request.

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please place in the offering plate or give to a staff member.