

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this worship service. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name. We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. during the school year, and worship at 10:15 a.m.

A Time of Fellowship

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† TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS †

Those recovering from illness, injury, or surgery

Those grieving

Those facing chronic health issues

Those battling cancer

Those in transition

Those expecting

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Missionaries

Those heading back to school: students, teachers, and administrators

Those dealing with unrest around the world

Those dealing with the effects of gun violence, especially those in Texas

Those suffering from the negative effects of hurricane Dorian

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

John Eby and Beth McCaw (birthdays) and David & Chrissi McClain (anniversary)

The birth of babies: a son, Hamilton, to Joe & Holly Daniels and a granddaughter, Nora, to Jill & Chuck Lee

Cheryl Heer and her grandson

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., September 8	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
Rally Day!	10:15am	Worship:
<i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>		Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching
		Teacher Commissioning
	11:15am	BODACIOUS Coffee Hour
Sat., September 14	9:30am	Session
Sun., September 15	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship:
		Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching
	12:00pm	Church Picnic @ Asbury Park

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Pentecost - *(in memory of Rev. Duncan Brockway)*

West Wall - Isaiah 43:1 *(in memory of Barb Stant)*

North Wall - I John 4:19 *(in honor of Rev. Katherine Achtemeier)*

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rev. John Armstrong at 605-354-3891 or Armstrongfpcdbq@gmail.com. Office hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am - 12:00pm or by appointment.

Admin Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00-1:00pm.

Lectionary Readings for September 15th:
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; *Psalms* 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Founded 1847

10:15am *13th Sunday after Pentecost* September 8, 2019

<i>Announcements</i>	Rev. John Armstrong
<i>Prelude</i>	“Immortal, Invisible” <i>arr. Hayes</i>

“Immortal, Invisible”

For Prayer and Reflection:

Call to Worship

**Let your steadfast love come to me, O God,
your salvation according to your promise.**

Opening Prayer

“You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)”

You are holy (You are holy), You are mighty (You are mighty)

You are worthy (You are worthy), Worthy of praise (Worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow), I will listen (I will listen)

I will love you (I will love you), All of my days (All of my days)

You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings

You are Mighty God, Lord of everything

You're Emmanuel, You're the great I AM

You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb

You're the Living God, You're my Saving Grace

You will live forever, You're the Ancient of Days

You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End

You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend

You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you.

Hymn #109

“O, How I Love Jesus”

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to

amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Confession (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri #734*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Mark 12:28-34 p. 1575

Choral Anthem “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” *arr. Ziegenhals*
When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound, Alleluia! So has the Church in liturgy and song in faith and love, thru centuries of wrong borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia. Alleluia! And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the Light? Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia. Alleluia!

Children’s Message (Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery.)

Second Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9 p. 284

Sermon “The Purpose of Christian Education”

**Hymn of Response*
Hymn #455 “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” *Hall*

Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers (see bulletin insert)
Nursery: Courtney Schnoor
PreK-1st grade: Tracy Wildermuth
2nd-5th grade: Sara Blair and Joe Klinebriel
Middle & High School: Linda Longfield and Beth Foxen
Adult: Bradley Longfield, John Armstrong, Timothy Slemmons

**Affirmation of Faith* “The Apostles’ Creed”
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.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer
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.

The Offering
Offertory “O Jesus, I Have Promised” *arr. Scott*
**Doxology*
**Prayer of Dedication*

**Sending Hymn*
Hymn #502 “Be Thou My Vision” *Slane*

**Charge & Benediction*

**Postlude* “When Morning Gilds the Skies” *arr. Edwards*
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Linda Longfield, *liturgist*
Rev. Marsha Wilfong, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Steve Foxen, *greeter*
Join us for BODACIOUS snacks in the Coffee Hour Room for Rally Day
Florence Siefker and Courtney Schnoor, *nursery*

Who We Are

“We love because God first loved us.” I John 4:19
First Presbyterian is a community of people who are experiencing the Father’s love in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are called through the Scriptures to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In thankful response for all God has done for us, we serve our church, neighborhood, and world through ministries of worship, nurture, education and outreach.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY IS RALLY DAY! Sunday School resumed this morning at 9:00am. Join us next week! All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our Sunday School teachers will be commissioned today during worship and we will enjoy a BODACIOUS Coffee Hour following worship.

JOIN US FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC next Sunday, Sept. 15 from noon to 3:00 pm at Asbury Park. It will be an opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship. There is a sign up sheet in the Coffee Hour room; please let us know if you are planning to attend.

TODAY we are accepting donations for Supplies for the Second to support the Domestic Violence Shelter. Please drop your donations in the tub in the narthex. Needs this month are toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues. Thank you!

TRANSITION NEWS: The PNC continues its work to discover the pastor God has intended for our congregation.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED for September 22 and 29—later dates also need to be filled. Please check the sign up sheet in the Coffee Hour room for a date that will work for you. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Please take a moment to look at the big bulletin board in the Coffee Hour Room. It is filled with helpful information and events happening locally and abroad. While you are enjoying fellowship, look also at the table in the Coffee Hour Room for opportunities to serve.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
Sept. 15 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong
Sept. 22 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons
Sept. 29 - Rev. Beth McCaw

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through September 1st totaled \$3,552.10.