

First Presbyterian Church

Celebration of Worship

August 6, 2017

11:00 A.M.

We're glad you're here! We are honored to have you join us for worship this morning. It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ during our worship service.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude "How Great Thou Art" arr. Marilyn Ham

Welcome & Announcements
(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

◆ Introit "Breathe"

**This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe
Your holy presence, living in me**

**This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread
Your very word, Spoken to me**

And I'm, I'm desperate for you (2x)

And I'm, I'm lost without you (2x)

◆ Call to Worship

L: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

P: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

L: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

P: Lord, help us to work for you.

L: Lord, make us ready to serve.

**P: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love.
AMEN.**

◆ Opening Prayer

◆ Hymn #355 "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

◆ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, forgive us when we doubt your mercy and your love. We are so caught up in getting everything that we want; and we want it all right now. We have trouble waiting and remembering that it is in the waiting that we might hear your voice. It is difficult for us to believe that we can be fruitful, good soil for your words and work. We find excuses not to be attentive to you, but to focus instead on our own desires. Slow us down, Lord. Remind us again of your mercy and your love. (Silent Prayers of Confession) Amen.

◆ Assurance of God's Pardon (Jude 1:24-25)

L: To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—

P: To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

◆ Gloria Patri

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.

Thoughts for the Children Doug Ruffner
(Children's Church is available for 4 yrs. through 2nd grade.
Preschool children may be excused to the nursery.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Morning Offering

◆ Doxology

**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

New Testament Reading (Page 954)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks Be to God

Philippians 3:1-11

Sermon "The Surpassing Greatness of Knowing Christ"

Rev. Dr. Tom Litterer

◆ Hymn #379 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

(Chorus) x 2

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord!
Open the eyes of my heart!
I want to see You, I want to see You!**

**To see You high and lifted up!
Shining in the light of Your glory!
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing Holy, holy, holy ...**

(Chorus) x 2

◆ Postlude

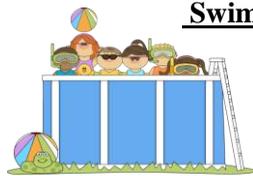
"Toccata"

Buxtehude

◆ (Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)

Bold type indicates congregational response in unison.

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Swim Party—following worship August 13th from 12:15p-2:00p @ the McAtee's. Ages 3 years old through 5th Grade.

Please join us as we continue worship at Jay and Tamra McAtee's house for the Baptism of Austin and Cooper Hillgoss on Sunday, August 20th immediately following worship services. In baptism, we are called to a new way of life as Christ's disciples, sharing the good news of the gospel with all the world. Presbyterians describe baptism as a sign and seal of the covenant of grace made by God through Jesus and extended to us. In baptism, God claims us as beloved children and members of Christ's body, the church, washing us clean from sin as we renounce the power of evil and seek the will and way of God.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, July 31
7:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Meetings

Thursday, Aug 3
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, Aug 6
9:30 a.m. Morning Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

PRAYER LIST—JOYS & CONCERNS
 Jensen family—Loss of daughter
 Myrna (Sharon Bolton's Sister)—Health Concerns
 Rick Paine—Eye Surgery
 Cristi Carnahan—Uganda mission trip
 Howard Cotner—Shingles
 Joe O'Masters (Len Gardner's friend)—Tumor
 Marsha Cunningham (Kristi Rain's cousin)—Infection
 Sharon Bender (Glenda Goodwin's friend)—Brain cancer
 Bill Deas—Hospitalized with pneumonia
 Linda MacFarlane—Healing and Strength
 Jeff Mayhugh—Health concerns
 Linda Nelson (Willa Barnes' friend)—Lymphoma
 Davida Taylor (Amy McAllister's mother)—Cancer
 Joe Yalch (Greg Maloney's business partner)—Brain surgery
 Jim Schwartz (Greg Maloney's friend)—Prostate cancer surgery

THOSE WHO SERVE
 Ushers: Butch Bauer, Glenda Bare
 Artie & Steffeny Palk
 Cody Shelton
 Trustee Lock-Up: Butch Bauer2

OUR STAFF
 AnnAline Drake—Interim Pastor
 Bill Zahringer—Director of Youth Ministries
 Amy McAllister—Director of Children's Ministries
 Doug Ruffner—Director of Music
 Amanda Teachnor—Organist and Accompanist
 Gail Reed—Treasurer
 Irene Dornberger—Children's Church Teacher
 Stuart Hash—Interim Office Administrator
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