

First Presbyterian Church

Celebration of Worship

September 17, 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 "Ciacona" Buxtehude

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

◆ Introit "Everlasting God"

(Chorus) x2
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

**Our God, You reign forever. Our hope, our strong deliverer
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
(Repeat Chorus)**

◆ Call to Worship
L: When the tides of fear seem to overwhelm us, we cry out....
P: Lord, come to us and lead us to paths of safety!
L: When we feel lost and alone and we wonder if anyone cares about us, we cry out....
P: Lord, come and heal our wounded spirits!
L: When turbulence within and without seem to threaten us, we cry out....
P: Lord, bring us peace. AMEN.

◆ Opening Prayer

◆ Hymn #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

◆ Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Merciful Lord, we like to think that we do everything well. We pat ourselves on the back when we act with love and mercy toward others, complimenting ourselves in self-righteousness. But you know us better. You know our faults and our failings.

**You know when we falsely proclaim that we are truly living as you would have us live. Teach us again about your forgiving and healing love. Show us ways of merciful living that we may extend the love and mercy you have given us to others.
(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 Amy McAllister
(Children's Church is available for 4 yrs. through 2nd grade.
Preschool children may be excused to the nursery.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Gift of Music "Lift Thine Eyes" from *Elijah* Mendelssohn
Glenn Steffy, Clarinet; Mary Snider, Cello;
Amanda Teachnor. Piano

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

Anthem "Ain't That Good News"

New Testament Reading (Page 850)
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks Be to God

Luke 15:11-24

Sermon "Awaking to Regret" Rev. AnnAline Drake

◆ Hymn #280 "Amazing Grace"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response

"10,000 Reasons"

**Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name**

**The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes**

**Repeat Chorus
I'll worship Your Holy name (x3)**

◆ Postlude "Præludium und Fuga" Buxtehude

*"Finding Your Way Back to God" Campaign
Published by Dave and Jon Ferguson

◆ (Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)
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Our long time Youth Director, Bill Zahringer and his family are moving into a new and exciting season of life. Therefore, he has decided to resign his position effective September 27th.

There will be a special Celebration Event on Sunday, October 1st from 5:30 pm – 7:00pm. More details will follow. Save the Date!

The Session is collecting a “**Love Offering**” to thank Bill for his work and ministry over the last 10 ½ years.

If you would like to contribute, please give your monetary gift to Pastor Drake, Stuart Hash our Administrator or Treasurer Gail Reed. Please note that your contribution is not tax exempt and cannot be considered part of your tithe.

Join us for our series, FINDING YOUR WAY BACK TO GOD, on September 10 and discover that God has not forgotten you. In fact, He’s running to you.

- SEPT 10 - There’s Got to Be More
- SEPT 17 - I Wish I Could Start Over
- SEPT 24 - I Can’t Do This On My Own
- OCT 1 - God Loves Me Deeply After All
- OCT 8 - Now This is Living

Small Groups starting Sept 13th @ 5:30 at the church. Series based on the book FINDING YOUR WAY BACK TO GOD by pastors Dave and Jon Ferguson.

WEDDING SHOWER

You are invited to join us for a wedding luncheon and shower Sept 24, 12:30p to honor **Jessica Landis Rase and her husband Aaron Rase.**

Jessica is the daughter of Jamye and Joe Landis. Join us as we welcome them both back to Sand Springs.

The Shower will be an old fashioned “**Potluck and Pounding**”

Come join in the fun by bringing:

A salad to share for lunch.

A gift for him or a gift for her,

or a “**pound of something**” for their new house.

Questions? See Jeanie Kvach or Pam Smithey.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Ushers: Len & Jennifer Gardner
Sharon Bolton & Mary Snider
Cody Shelton

Liturgist:

Trustee lock up: Stuart Hash



UPCOMING EVENTS

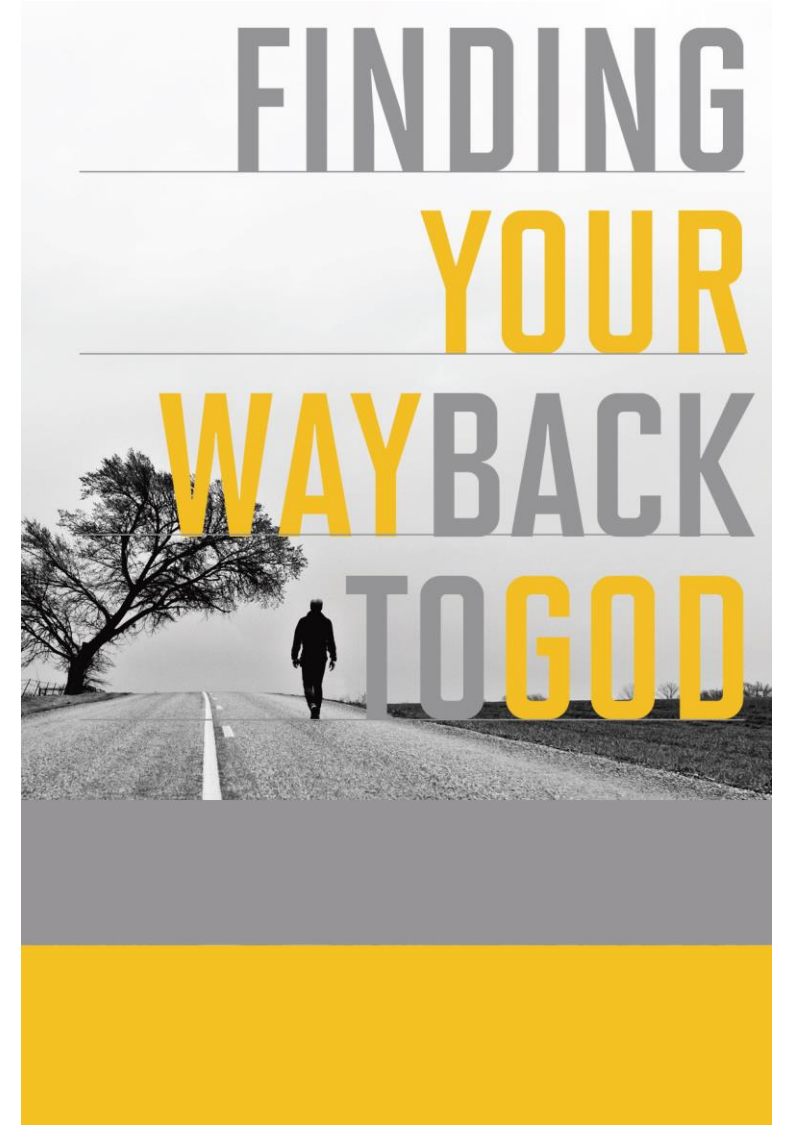
Monday, Sept 18
7:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Meetings

Thursday, Sept 21
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, Sept 24
9:30 a.m. Morning Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

PRAYER LIST—JOYS & CONCERNS
Victims and those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma
Prayers for Weston—ICU in OKC
Rains family—Loss of Keith Byrd (Kristi’s Brother)
Kristi Rains—Sinus surgery Recovery
Gail Reed—Recovery from surgery (no visitors, calls & cards welcome)
Joe O’Masters (Len Gardner’s friend)—Tumor
Sharon Bender (Glenda Goodwin’s friend)—Brain cancer
Linda MacFarlane—Healing and Strength
Linda Nelson (Willa Barnes’ friend)—Lymphoma
Davida Taylor (Amy McAllister’s mother)—Cancer
Joe Yalch (Greg Maloney’s business partner)—Brain surgery

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
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