

First Presbyterian Church

Celebration of Worship

World Communion

October 1, 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 "Prélude" Glazounow

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

◆ Introit "Still"

**I believe that You are God alone,
But sometimes I still try to take control.
'Cause I get scared when I can't see the end,
And all You want from me is to let go.**

(Chorus)
**You're parting waters, making a way for me.
You're moving mountains that I don't even see.
You've answered my prayer before I even speak.
All you need for me to be is still.
Be still, is still, is still**

◆ Call to Worship
L: Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.
P: Lord, come into our hearts this day.
L: Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.
P: Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.
L: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.
P: Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives. AMEN.

◆ Opening Prayer

◆ Hymn #108 "Christ Is Alive"

◆ Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Merciful God, even though we celebrate World Communion Sunday, still we harbor anger against others. We act out of frustration rather than love. Remind us again, O Lord, that your love has always and will always be with us. You have called us to be witnesses to the good things that can happen when we follow your ways. You have asked us to reach out, across our borders, our oceans, our fears to others with the reconciling love of your Son Jesus Christ. Heal us from our selfishness and our apathy. Give us courage and strength for the ministries in which you have placed us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name.

(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

◆ Hymn #101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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 Flute Ensemble
Rachel Drake, Erica Nadolski, Andrea Gordon,
Jaycie Thaemert, Anna Chenoweth

◆ 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

Gift of Music "The Promise" Amy McAllister

New Testament Reading (Page 850) Luke 15:11-24
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks Be to God

Sermon "Awaking to Love" Rev. AnnAline Drake

Anthem "Let Us Break Bread Together"

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you!

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give God our thanks and our praise.

P: With joy and celebration, we say, "THANK YOU, God!"

L: Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You created a world filled with diversity. We see Your work upon every face. You gather us here on this World Communion Sunday in company with our brothers and sisters throughout the Church, across the bounds of language or nation, across the bounds of tradition or custom. God gathers us in many "heres"... Africa, China, Ireland, Haiti, Mexico and across the world. God gathers us at this table to recall the cost of faith and to celebrate the richness of Christ's gifts showered upon the world. And so, with all your people on earth in every place where two or more are gathered in your name and all the company of heaven who have gone before us we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Institution

Prayer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Congregational Response

"Trust In You"

**When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing you to move,
when You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers
as I cry out to You.**

I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You

- ◆ Postlude *"A Mighty Fortress"* Arr. Bish

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

- ◆ (Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)
- ◆ Bold type indicates congregational response in unison.**
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The Church Office will be closed the week of October 1st, 2017

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.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Ushers: Dick & Mattie Boone
Allen & Marcia Bates
Cody Shelton
Liturgist: Doug Ruffner
Trustee lock up: Stuart Hash

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Oct 2
7:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Meetings

Wednesday, Oct 4
5:30 p.m. Small Group
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, Oct 5
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

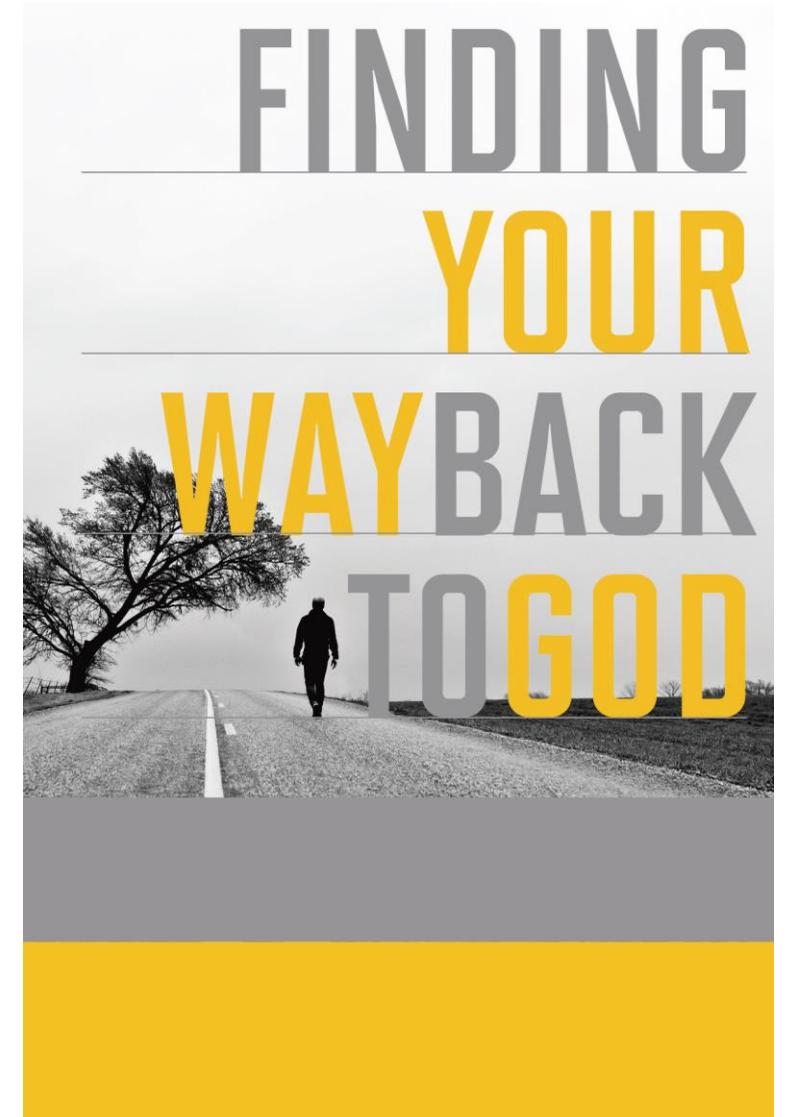
Sunday, Oct 8
9:30 a.m. Morning Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

PRAYER LIST—JOYS & CONCERNS

Those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria;
Earthquake in Mexico
Nancy Jackson (Jennifer Gardner's mother)—Retinal surgery
Elmer Hash (Steve's father)—Pneumonia and Stroke, ICU
Rains family—Loss of Keith Byrd (Kristi's Brother)
Kristi Rains—Sinus surgery Recovery
Gail Reed—Recovery from surgery
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

OUR STAFF

AnnAline Drake—Interim Pastor
Amy McAllister—Director of Children's Ministries
Doug Ruffner—Director of Music
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