
First Presbyterian Church

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Rev. John F. Koerner

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Ten Forty-Five



Graduate Recognition Sunday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

LARGE-PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING-ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM USHERS

* INDICATES TO STAND IF ABLE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

*The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements and Friendship Register

please sign the friendship register found in your pew

Call to Worship and Prayer

(Dan Wilt, on his website, Dan Wilt.com.)

Many voices are speaking to us today: in the movie theaters,
on the concert stages, on the television, in our homes,
in our friendships, and in our community.

**Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice,
to respond to Your desires,
to follow Your highest path for us.**

As many voices ring in our ears, we say that we choose to listen for Your voice,
to do what pleases you, and to stay true to the path You have lovingly set before us.

**Strengthen each of us to choose the high road,
to live up to the greatness you placed within us,
and to honor You in all our ways.
Lord, we will listen for Your voice. Amen.**

*Hymn see insert

“As the Deer”

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to have no sin,
we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just to forgive our sins
and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness.
Let us pray the prayer found in your bulletin.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we marvel at your patience with us, your wayward children.
Time and again we sin against you and our neighbor. Yet you never give up
on us. With persistent, stubborn love you continue to call us to account, to
challenge our easy acceptance of this world's values, to call us back from the
paths of selfishness and evil. Grant that we may never use your grace as an
excuse to keep on sinning. For you desire so much more for us. Hear us
now as in silence we once again submit ourselves to you, so that you may
examine us, forgive us, and correct us.**

(Silent and individual prayers of confession)

Let us continue in prayer.

Help us now, O Lord, to live as the joyful and obedient people you created us to be. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:34)

As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our sin from us.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Recognition of Graduating Seniors Ashleigh Burnett, Maddison Lafferty,
Abby Schorr

Congregational Litany for Graduates

- Developed by Neil Riley, Canon for Faith Formation, Diocese of Colorado

We are gathered together to celebrate
The accomplishments of members of our community.

**We give blessings to you for all that you have achieved
and many more achievements yet to come.**

One part of your life's journey is complete.
You will prepare to begin another phase that will take you to unimaginable places.
As you prepare for your next journey, we hope that you remember the ones you
leave behind, who have loved and supported you throughout the years.

**We give you blessings of good will and love as you journey forth
into the world. We thank you for the laughter and fellowship that
you have shared with us and pray that as you begin your next journey,
You remember the times that we all have shared with you.**

Use those memories as a beacon to guide you on your path.
Don't look back; continue only forward,
while using those memories to create a new path.

**We pray that God will give you strength and determination
to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen
and sustain your faith.**

Because we are made in the image of God
we have been blessed with free will to make choices and decisions.

**We pray that you make wise and rational decisions,
always turning to God for help.
God hears, God listens, God is always with you. Do not forget that.
Always keep in mind that God is around
and if you turn to him, he will guide you.**

A reading from the Book of Matthew: 28:16-20

Just as Jesus commissioned the disciples to go out
and spread his word with the world,
so do we commission you to do the same through the way you live your life.
Always keep Christ in your heart.

**We send you forth with all our love, all our reverence,
all of our perseverance, and all of our support.
Strive for only the best rewards that life has to offer you
and may the love of Christ shine through you.**

Christ is the light of all people.

Let him shine in you during tough times and always keep that light alive.

Let Christ's light shine always.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children of the Church

Terra Burnett

Prayer for Illumination(in unison)

Let us pray,

**Come, Holy Spirit, be our teacher this day.
We are your eager students. Amen.**

Hebrew Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 29:4-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 2:1-5a

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"In Search of a New Life"

Rev. John F. Koerner

Piano Interlude

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Hymnbook, p.14*

*Hymn #369 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" *I'm Gonna Live*

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Chancel Choir

SEALING THE WORD: THE HOLY MEAL

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving¹

May the God of wind and flame be with you.

And also with you.

Throw open the shutters of your hearts, so God may enter.

We offer our hearts so God's joy might dance over our lives.

Take deep breaths and sing your praises to our God.

We join all people and languages in praising

the One who feeds us this day.

You whispered in the silence and the Spirit tumbled forth, . . .

. . . we sing out songs of praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of wind and flame.

All creation dances in the Spirit's arms this day.

Hosanna in the highest!

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

In the soft, warm breath of a baby, . . .
. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith::

**Christ died, his last breath stolen from him;
Christ was raised, the Spirit's breath bringing new life;
Christ will come, breathing new grace and hope in our lives.**

Here, where the bread and the cup await, . . .

. . . And now as our Savior Jesus Christ taught us, we are bold to pray. . .

Our Father who art in heaven . . . Amen.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

The small glass dishes in the bread trays contain gluten free bread.

Following the bread, both wine (dark red) and grape juice (white) are served.

We will partake of communion together at the invitation of the pastor.

Prayer after Communion

As we leave this family meal, O Lord,

may the fire of your Holy Spirit burn brightly within us.

Grant that all we meet may see you living, and moving,

and loving through us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #333 "Seek Ye First"

L a f f e r t y

Charge and Benediction

(By Christine Longhurs)

May God’s blessing rest on each one of you.

May God’s light shine on you, and make your path clear.

May hope carry you through the challenging times,
and gratitude be your response when life is good.

**May your days be filled with curiosity and adventure,
and may you discover the incomparable joy
of living lives that bring honor and glory to God. Amen.**

*Congregational Response “First Song of Isaiah” (chorus only) 2x

**Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

*Organ Postlude “Rise, O Children of Salvation” by Bliss Mary Kay Devono

1. *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving was written by Thom M. Shuman*

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Westminster Hall following the service.
Our thanks to for hosting coffee hour.*

Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Officiant and Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner
Worship Leader.....Jennifer Wetzel
Minister of Music.....Jeanne Harris
Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes.....Quentin Harris and Bradley Burnett

**As The Deer Panteth
For The Water**

Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee

Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

Chorus

Verse 2

You're my friend
And You are my brother
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.

Chorus

Verse 3

I want You more than gold
Or silver
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

Chorus

CHURCH NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2, 2019

SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhens, Carole Wilburn

GREETER: Janet Wilson



The flowers on the reredos are In Memory of
Doctor William H. and Gladys Allman, William Allman II,
William (Chip) Allman III.

NURTURING FAITH -PENTECOST: Preparing for Pentecost – When the disciples, were let out of prison, their jailer asked them, “...what must I do to be rescued?” Paul & Silas told him about God, then went with the jailer to his home, where he and his whole family were baptized and rejoiced. What makes you rejoice when you think about God? Write down one thing that makes you joyful, then share that with your family or a friend.

Work Camp Group will be here this week from Sunday through Friday.

John will be on vacation June 3-9.

Rev. James A. Harris will be preaching this week.

Terri will be on vacation June 5-15.

We are in need of volunteers for Bible School in July. If you are willing to help out please let Terra Burnett or Terri Harris know. There will be inserts to sign up in next week's bulletin.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!



FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Church of Our Saviour, Clarksburg
Clothier Presbyterian Church Enslow
Park Presbyterian Church, Huntington

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis; Marj Faris; Amy Garrett; Sara Graham; Dottie Burkhammer

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES: Clark, Lewis and Susan; King, Evans; Layfield, Helen; Myerburg, Andrea; Swiger, Sondra Rae; Mitchell, Robbie and Sara; Waters, Sara; Allen, Beth and Steve Goff; Anderson, Jack; Delawder, Bryon, Virginia, Cole, and Cassie; Graham, Sara; Oldaker, Kenneth, Oldaker, Wilma; Tyson, Karen ; Watson, P.R. Jr.; Holt, Doris; Shiffra, Donna and Nick "Everett"

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles	BURKHAMMER, Dottie	COX, Eddie
COX, Jeremy	FOWLER, Angie	HARDMAN, Derek
HARDMAN, Bob & Janice	HOLT, Jack	HOOD, Robbie
KUHENS, Eric	LINTON, Doug	NARDONE, Nickolas
OLDAKER, Kenneth	OLDAKER, Wilma	ORR, Susan (Carole's Sister)
PACK, Amy	ROGERS, Joey	SHIFFRA, Everett
SIMMONS, Melanie	SMITH, Bonnie	SMITH, Donna
WETZEL, Jennifer	HARRIS, Jeanne	

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, June 2nd

Prayer Group 10:00 am

Wednesday, June 5th

No Bible Study

Friday, June 7th

AA Group 12:00

CHURCH ATTENDANCE ON May 26th

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