

First Presbyterian Church

August 6, 2017 - 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: {Please pass the Friendship Pads.}

PRELUDE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Shout for joy all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Leader: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all the generations.

PRAYER OF ADORATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

† **HYMN OF PRAISE:** {W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY}
No. 410 "God is Calling through the Whisper"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** {unison}

Lord we carry burdens that were never intended for us. We worry about life and loved ones. We chase after things which never satisfy. We waste time. We share gossip. We think of ourselves rather than others.

O Lord, forgive us for worrying instead of trusting in You. Please continue to pursue us even amid our proud thoughts and vain desires. Guide our days that we would serve the needs of others. Place words of love in our mouth that we would encourage and edify those around us as we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

† **SILENT CONFESSION**

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *Apostles' Creed* {hymnal, page 35}

† **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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: {Children first grade and under please come forward.}

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: Pastorale on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Manz

† **The Doxology**
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

† **Prayer of Dedication**

ANTHEM: "It Is Well with My Soul" Bliss

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 3:1-7 {Pew Bible, page 5}

† **HYMN:** **No. 459** "O Word of God Incarnate" {MUNICH}

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 2:1-11 {Pew Bible, page 1590}

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: Dr. Darren Bess
"GOD'S FAITHFULNESS: PART ONE, THE PAST"

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE:** {NATIONAL HYMN}
No. 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE:** "Fantasia in C" Handel

† Those able are invited to stand.

† † † † †

HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT HYMNALS
are available from the ushers.

WELCOME to all who are worshipping with us this Sunday morning. We pray that you will feel the warmth of God's Spirit, and that you will be spiritually encouraged and nurtured as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please take a moment to sign our friendship pads found in the pew rack.

A **NURSERY** is provided for infants through four-year-olds, and Children's Church is offered for five-year-olds through second grade following the Children's Sermon.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Dr. Darren Bess, his wife, Carol, and their children, Chloe and Caleb, from the Pastor Nominating Committee.

THERE WILL BE A COVERED DISH LUNCH today after the service of worship to welcome Dr. Bess and his family. Chicken will be provided; bring your favorite covered dishes to share. Contact Dwight Frierson (539-1549) if you will be able to help with preparation for this.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL classes will continue to meet together in the fellowship hall with our minister, Pastor Darren Bess, teaching on a book of the Bible.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BOOKS: The Evangelism Unit is seeking donations of books for grades Pre-K through 2nd grade. Also needed are items from the following list of supplies: #2 pencils, glue sticks, composition journals, plastic folders with prongs, scissors, pencil boxes, pink erasers, colored pencils, Kleenex tissues, hand sanitizers. A donation box for books and one for supplies will be in the Centre.

HANDS OF CHRIST: On Tuesday, August 8, First Presbyterian and Saint Luke Presbyterian will participate in a Hands of Christ clothing and school supply distribution from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Centre for students attending our partner school, Rivelon. We need 60 volunteers for this one day event. Please e-mail Jim Harvey at (james.e.harvey@gmail.com) or text Jim at (440-263-7420) if you are willing to volunteer. There will be an orientation meeting for volunteers at 10:00 a.m. on August 8 before the distribution of clothing at 11:00. "The Mission of Hands of Christ is to bring Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations together to meet the basic needs of children showing them Christ's love."

A BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT will be hosted by the Deacon Class of 2018. The event on August 20 will be at the Spray Park from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. for all First Presbyterian families and guests. So that adequate plans can be made, use the green Summer GTF slips to sign up (prices on the slips do not apply).

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY:	Covered Dish Lunch after the service of worship 6:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting: Conference Room
MONDAY:	1:00 p.m. - Prayer Team: Sanctuary
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study: <i>The Kuckery</i> 10:00 a.m. - <i>Hands of Christ</i> Distribution
WEDNESDAY:	8:00 a.m. - Jim Turner Men's Bible Study Class 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY:	11:15 a.m. - Intercessors Meet for Prayer 6:30 p.m. - Basketball in the Centre

STEPS: It's not too late to sign up and ride the bus if we have 15 people. We will pay the early bird registration fee of \$25 for Sunday school teachers and youth advisors. Brochures are in the office and Centre or sign up online at www.capresbytery.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be observed in the service of worship on August 20, 2017.

DEADLINE for the September edition of the newsletter is Wednesday, August 16. Email submissions to dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org.

USHERS-August 6: George Ware, Jimmy Guthrie, Gordon Huddleston, Mark Hutto, Jack Johnson, Larry Jordan

August 13: George Ware, Keith Hewitt, John Hutto, Ewart Irick, George Johnston, Franklin Kell

PRESCHOOL NURSERY: August 6: Davis August 13: Burroughs
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: August 6: Albergotti August 13: Dickson