

First Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2016 - 11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: "Praeludium in D Minor" Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 34

Leader: O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies.

People: Your righteousness towers like the mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea.

Leader: All find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance you provide.

People: **You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE:** {CORONATION}
No. 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** {unison}

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

✠ **SILENT CONFESSION**

✠ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *Apostles' Creed* {hymnal, p. 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: "God of Grace and God of Glory" Haan

✠ **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**

✠ **HYMN: No. 463** "How Firm a Foundation" {FOUNDATION}

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FIRST LESSON: John 2:13-17 {Pew Bible, page 1648}

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:1-2, 9-21 {Pew Bible, page 1763}

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "TOLERANCE: VIRTUE OR VICE?" Dr. Daniel Massie

✠ **HYMN OF RESPONSE:** {PUER NOBIS NASCITUR}
No. 67 "My Song Forever Shall Record"

✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✠ **CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

✠ **POSTLUDE:** "Processional in C" Helman

✠ Those able are invited to stand.

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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 honor of the Congregational Care Team by Gordon Huddleston.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Rob (DeeAnn) Miller and family upon the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Virginia Miller.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY meeting at the Kuckery at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays continues its study of Theology Questions Everyone Asks. Read chapter 4 for Tuesday's discussion: How does God relate to the world?

GROWING THROUGH FELLOWSHIP: Don't miss the fun this Wednesday, September 28. Some of our very own First Presbyterian family will be playing "The Newlywed Game" at 6:30 p.m. **Reservations are essential for the 6:00 p.m. meal.** Complete the tan forms found in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate to make reservations for dinner or call the church office (534-0088) on Monday. Menu: chicken and beef fajitas / tacos, beans and rice, and salad. Cost: \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$3 children 10 and under; family maximum \$20.00.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be observed on World Communion Sunday, October 2, in the service of worship.

HEALING MUSIC, a concert to benefit the RMC breast health programs, will be presented on Sunday afternoon, October 2, at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Ten local performers will be showcased in this event, which is sponsored by the Pink Ribbon Committee. A reception will be held in the Centre following the concert.

THE NATIONAL EVANGELICAL (PRESBYTERIAN) SYNOD of Syria and Lebanon is providing education for Syrian refugee children living in Lebanon. More than 60 percent of the 1.2 million Syrian refugees registered in Lebanon are children. The Synod is currently serving more than 255 children in four schools with plans to open a fifth school to serve an additional 100 students. Under the auspices of local Presbyterian congregations and employing church members who are teachers, the majority of children whom they serve, in Christ's name, are Muslim; many have never been to school. In addition, the Synod has welcomed into six of its "regular" schools nearly 70 Syrian students, many of them Christian, who can adjust to the Lebanese system with the necessary academic preparation but who require scholarship assistance. *The Session has approved receiving a special offering on World Communion Sunday, October 2, to aid in this endeavor.* Additional information is available on the Outreach Foundation's website (www.theoutreachfoundation.org).

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR AT THE OAKS - Wednesday, October 5, 11:30 a.m., *The Oaks Dining Room*: To minimize the disruption of residents and guests and ensure that adequate seating arrangements will be available, reservations must be confirmed by Tuesday, October 4, 12:00 noon. Call Judy Shroads (268-9714) if you wish to come. Tickets may be purchased at the Reception Desk in Woodard Commons.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY:	4:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class 5:00 p.m. - Youth Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Youth Fellowship
MONDAY:	1:00 p.m. - Prayer Team: Sanctuary
TUESDAY:	7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study: <i>The Kuckery</i> 6:00 p.m. - Manual Committee: Church Office
WEDNESDAY:	8:00 a.m. - Jim Turner Men's Bible Study Class 6:00 p.m. - GTF Dinner 6:30 p.m. - GTF Program 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY:	11:15 a.m. - Intercessors Meet for Prayer 5:30 p.m. - Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. - Basketball in The Centre

VOLUNTEER HELP IS NEEDED while Harry Lewis, our custodian, is on medical leave. Volunteers are needed to

- Set up and take down tables and chairs in the Centre
- Sweep in the Centre
- Mop Centre kitchen and occasionally the foyer
- Trash detail
- Open church facilities and blow sidewalks on Sunday mornings
- Yardwork

If you are willing to help even once or more often, please contact Gerald Myers (536-0845, cell 682-3721) or George Ware (534-0257, cell 664-3077).

ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A COLLEGE STUDENT? Please call the church office (534-0088) or email Denise (dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org) his or her contact information so that we can stay in touch.

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

PRESCHOOL NURSERY: September 25 Jimilyn and JR Kell
October 2 Theresa and Marty Bramblett

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: September 25 Amy and Michael Delaney
October 2 Beth Kuck

USHERS - October 2: Gordon Huddleston, Solomon Selvam, John Shuler, Mike Strong, Bill Thomas, Preston Walter