

Service for the Lord's Day

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

L: Creator God, whose Spirit moved over the face of the waters;

ALL: who gathers the seas into their places and directs the courses of the rivers;

L: who sends rain upon the earth, that it should bring forth life:

ALL: We praise you for the gift of water.

L: Create in us such a sense of wonder and delight in this and all your gifts;

ALL: that we might receive them with gratitude, care for them with love, and generously share them with all your creatures, to the honor and glory of your holy name.

* Hymn 28 "You Are Before Me, Lord" Watson

* Prayer of Confession

O God, your will is that all your children should be one in Christ. We pray for the unity of your church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, of understanding, and of charity, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from our bitterness and prejudices. Save us from normalizing that which is a scandal to the world and an offense to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all who call upon you and confess faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Silent and personal confession.)

* Kyrie (*Glory to God, 437*)

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

* Declaration of Pardon

* *The 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.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The Peace of Christ be with you

ALL: And also with you.

(Greet those that are around you with the Peace of Christ)

Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Sharon Hand

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Acts 15:1-21 (*pages 1094-1095*)

I Kings 19:1-13 (*pages 351-352*)

Response This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Sermon The Center Will Hold Rev. Dr. Judy Mitchell Rich

Responding to God's Word

* Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Hymn 824 "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest" McAfee

Prayers of the People

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 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.

Offertory

* The 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 Thanksgiving

Depart to Serve

* Hymn 643 "Now Thank We All Our God" Rinkart

* Charge and Blessing

* Response "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Rankin
(Hymn 542 - Verse 1)
God be with you till we meet again, loving
Counsels guide up-hold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

* Postlude

If you are able, please stand.

Today at First

Sunday School
9:30 AM,
Education Wing

Fellowship
10:30 AM,
Rodgers Center

Worship
11:00 AM,
Sanctuary

Sermon
Dr. Judy Mitchell Rich

Liturgist
Jerry Witt

Acolyte
Eloise Chouinard
Avery Paysinger
Dayton Wilson, Jr.

Musician
Elizabeth Frank

Usher

Flowers

The sanctuary flowers were given to the glory of God.

Sunday School Classes

Toddler's Class
(Room 102)

Children's Class
(Room 101)

Young Adult Class
(Room 105)

Men's Class
(Parlor-Rodgers Center)

Corner Class
(112 Washington St.)

Discussion Class
(Room 100)

Welcome to First Presbyterian *Children*. Children are always welcome in worship. Child care is available for infants and toddlers in the nursery, through the doors at the front of the sanctuary, then right.

To join this church. Speak to the minister.

Connect to our online community life. Visit fpcathens.org for information, news. Join our Facebook group for community life. Follow our Facebook page for news, updates on recent events, and upcoming opportunities.

Connect to pastor and staff. Call the church office. The Church Office email is fpcathens@fpcathens.org. Rev. Dayton Wilson's office email is dayton.wilson@fpcathens.org.

Accessibility. There are reserved parking spaces on Jefferson Street in front of the sanctuary. Enter the building through the walkway to the right of the sanctuary or through the office entrance. Ask an usher for an assistive hearing device.

To give sanctuary flowers. See the chart outside the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary or call the church office.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 19 2018

Monday, August 20, 2018
Dayton - Vacation
No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, August 21, 2018
Dayton - Vacation
6:00 PM, Cursillo 4th Day
6:30 PM, Hand Bell Practice

Wednesday, August 22, 2018
Dayton - Vacation
9:30 am, Pottery, *Basement*
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, August 23, 2018
Dayton - Vacation
5:45 Mission Committee Meeting

Friday, August 24, 2018
No Scheduled Activities
Revival Reserved

Saturday, August 25, 2018
7:00 AM, Gideons, *Rodgers Center*
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Sunday, August 26 2018

Sunday School
9:30 AM, *Education Wing*,
Fellowship Time
10:30 AM, *Rodgers Center*
Worship, Communion
11:00 AM, *Sanctuary*

Monday, August 27, 2018
6:00 Committee Fellowship Meeting

Tuesday, August 28, 2018
6:00 PM, Cursillo 4th Day
6:30 PM, Hand Bell Practice
Revival Reserved

Wednesday, August 29, 2018
9:30 am, Pottery, *Basement*
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, August 30, 2018
No Scheduled Activities

Friday, August 31, 2018
No Scheduled Activities
Revival Reserved

Saturday, September 1, 2018
7:00 AM, Gideons, *Rodgers Center*

First Presbyterian Church on the Square



Class of 2018
Larry Burlingame
Sharon Hand
Julie McNeese
Mason Ruf

The Session
Class of 2019
Brad Clem
Jacob Greene
Deb Kohlhase
Jennifer Quillen

Class of 2020
Karla Barnes
Emily Clem
David Lyle

Duane Counter, *Treasurer*
Staff

Rev. W. Dayton Wilson
Erica Hand

Diane Anderson
Cynthia Daniel
Alice Whitt

Pastor
Interim Choir Director
Organist
Office Administrator
Sexton
Nursery