

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Community Gathers

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship

L: Jesus brought healing love to all people.

**ALL: They talked and marveled about his miracles.**

L: But they really didn't understand him.

**ALL: They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives.**

L: Jesus brings us transforming compassion.

**ALL: Lord Jesus, keep our minds and our spirits open to your life-changing words. AMEN.**

\* Hymn 848 "Trust in God" Gambrell

\* Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, you know us so well. We are fascinated by healing, but we do not understand the compassion of Christ. We often say, "Just heal us; or just make things go better" and then we promise our faithfulness and witness. But in our hearts, we just don't get it. Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear gets in the way of understanding. Help us to know the transformational power of your love. Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do. It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. 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

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Children's Time Rev. Dayton Wilson

Commission of the Sunday School Teachers Rev. Dayton Wilson

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalm 128 (*page 614*)

Mark 7:24-37 (*page 998*)

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

The Sermon "Healing One Another" Rev. Dayton Wilson

## Responding to God's Word

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\* 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 318 "In Christ there is No East or West" Oxenham

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

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\* Hymn 311 "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather" Stowe

\* 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  
Rev. Dayton Wilson

Liturgist  
Julie McNeese

Acolyte  
Eloise Chouinard  
Avery Paysinger  
Dayton Wilson, Jr.

Musician  
Emily Clem

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  
*(Room 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](http://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](mailto:fpcathens@fpcathens.org). Rev. Dayton Wilson's office email is [dayton.wilson@fpcathens.org](mailto: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, September 9 2018**  
*Revival Reserved*

Monday, September 10, 2018  
9:00 AM Quilters Guild – (RC)–

Tuesday, September 11, 2018  
6:00 pm, Cursillo 4<sup>th</sup> Day  
6:30 PM, Session Meeting, Room 100

Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
9:30 am, Pottery, *Basement*  
5:00 pm, *Full Tummy Pack & Pray (RC)*  
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, September 13, 2018  
*No Scheduled Activities*

Friday, September 14, 2018  
*No Scheduled Activities*

Saturday, September 15, 2018  
7:00 am, Gideons, *Rodgers Center*  
*Revival Reserved*

**Sunday, September 16 2018**  
Sunday School  
9:30 am, *Education Wing*,  
Fellowship Time  
10:30 am, *Rodgers Center*  
Worship, Communion  
11:00 am, *Sanctuary*  
*Revival Reserved*

Monday, September 17, 2018  
*No Scheduled Activities*

Tuesday, September 18, 2018  
6:00 pm, Cursillo 4<sup>th</sup> Day  
6:30 pm, Handbell

Wednesday, September 19, 2018  
9:30 am, Pottery, *Basement*  
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, September 20, 2018  
*No Scheduled Activities*

Friday, September 21, 2018  
VIP Lunch – Yesterday's  
*Revival Reserved*

Saturday, September 22, 2018  
7:00 am, Gideons, *Rodgers Center*  
*Revival Reserved*

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*

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# First Presbyterian Church on the Square



September 9, 2018  
11:00 AM