

# Service for the Lord’s Day

## The Community Gathers

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: The earth is the Lord’s! Everything in creation belongs to God.

ALL: Lift up your eyes! See the mighty works of the Lord!

L: This is the Lord’s house! All who hope in the Lord will be called children of God.

ALL: Lift up your hearts! Receive the gracious gifts of the Lord!

L: This is the hour for worship and song.

ALL: Lift up your voice! Praise the Lord with all your might!

\*Hymn 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*Prayer of Confession

God, we know that you have given us every spiritual blessing, you have adopted us and made us heirs of heaven’s abundance. You know those parts of us that still believe we are left orphaned and unwanted. You know those parts of us that remain restless and anxious. You know the thoughts that give us sleepless nights. You know the desires that make our days frantic. Forgive us these things. Show us again your mercy. Show us again your Son. May the mercy displayed in his death and resurrection make its way into every resistant part of us so that, in our lives, you might be praised. In Jesus’ name, 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 Choir

VBS Songs

Children’s Time

Rev. Dayton Wilson

Minute for Mission

Carol Copeland

Special Music

“I Can Only Imagine”

Charles Patterson

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalm 24 *(page 544)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 *(page 1156)*

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

The Sermon

Rev. Dayton Wilson

## Responding to God’s Word

\*Hymn 839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

\*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.

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.

Offering

\*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 66 “Every Time I Fell the Spirit”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Response “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” CANONBURY  
(Hymn 722 - Stanza 5)

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will,  
and when, and where until your blessed face  
I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

\*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  
Sara Niedzwiecki

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

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, July 15, 2018

Monday, July 16, 2018  
*- No Scheduled Activities -*

Tuesday, July 17 2018  
Newsletter Info Due  
6:00 PM, Cursillo 4<sup>th</sup> Day  
6:00 Limestone Historical Society *(RC)*

Wednesday, July 18, 2018  
9:30 am, Pottery, *Basement*  
6:30 PM, “Great Themes of the Bible”  
Summer Small Group

Thursday, July 19, 2018  
*- 6-11 AM Step Up (Revival) -*

Friday, July 20, 2018  
*- 2:00-5:00 PM Revival Reserved -*

Saturday, July 21, 2018  
7:00 AM, Gideons, *Rodgers Center*  
All Day, *Revival Reserved*  
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Sunday, July 22 2018

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

Monday, July 23, 2018  
6:00 PM, NAP Meeting *(RC)*

Tuesday, July 24 2018  
10am-2pm *Revival Reserved*  
6:00 PM, Cursillo 4<sup>th</sup> Day

Wednesday, July 25, 2018  
9:30 am, Pottery, *Basement*

Thursday, July 26, 2018  
*- 5:45 Mission Meeting (Library) -*

Friday, July 27, 2018  
*- No Scheduled Activities -*

Saturday, July 28, 2018  
7:00 AM, Gideons, *Rodgers Center*  
All Day, *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 <sup>on</sup> the Square



July 15, 2018  
11:00 AM