



Service for the Lord's Day • September 13, 2020
Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

Gracious and loving God, thank you for this day. Strengthen my resolve to love and show mercy throughout the day. Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place, and guide the work I have to do for today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

(Hymns and scripture can be found starting on page 3.)

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Sing a New Song

H. Schütz

Sing a new song to God the Lord, sing and give praise with one accord. For His salvation He doth give, that, through His mercy, we may live. Worship the Lord in holiness, hymns of great joy to Him address. Honor His works and bless His name, His grace and truth to all proclaim. Heaven above and earth below, ocean and field His glory show. All of God's creatures sing His praise, let us now too our voices raise. Glory and thanks to Him belong, honor Him evermore in song.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of God, bless the Lord,
bless God's holy name.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love for us.

* **HYMN 297**

In Christ Called to Baptize

St. Denio

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* **ACT OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

*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.*

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 25:1-9 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

J. Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. The purple headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky; the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell, "How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well."

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Vicki Sumner

* HYMN 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:42-47 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What is the Church?

Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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; on 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 is 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING

* HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

PRAYER FOR THE CHIPUTULA FAMILY

* INVITATION AND BLESSING

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jonathan, Chichi, Honest, and Wati Chiputula, Rev. Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Vicki Sumner

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick VIDEO: John Rayl SOUND: Troy Bleeker

QUARTET: Alanna Parfait, soprano; Megan Sabella, alto; Elijah Adongo, tenor; Colin Hall, Simon Lynch, bass

THE ROSE ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT is given with joy and thanksgiving to announce the birth of Wade Ryan Rutherford on September 3, 2020. Parents are Cody and Stacy Coffey Rutherford and big brother is Wyatt.

In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1995
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; adapt. in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839
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¹ The Lord said to Moses: ² Tell the Israelites to take for me an offering; from all whose hearts prompt them to give you shall receive the offering for me. ³ This is the offering that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, ⁴ blue, purple, and crimson yarns and fine linen, goats' hair, ⁵ tanned rams' skins, fine leather, acacia wood, ⁶ oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, ⁷ onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and for the breastpiece. ⁸ And have them make me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them. ⁹ In accordance with all that I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE CHURCH

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1969
 MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738
 Text © 1971 Hope Publishing Company

WAREHAM
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⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

PRAYER

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

GLORIFY GOD

Reopening Worship: Our first in-person worship service will be on Sunday, September 27 at 11 a.m. The congregation will be receiving information on how to register to attend.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Children's Worship Guides: Digital versions of our children's worship guides for you to print and use as you participate in worship can be found as links in the Weekly Invite emails from the church office. We encourage your family to discuss thoughts on worship together - even if you don't use the guide.

Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship: Stay connected to the ministries of our church with a Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship. The goal of this form of discipleship is to create space for our church to refuel and keep our intergenerational church family connected while we are social distancing as an act of loving our neighbors. Questions? Please contact Vicki Sumner at children@1stpc.org.

Connections, a new form of Digital Discipleship for our children and youth, began last week. This Wednesday, we will gather again on Zoom for a time to see and connect with church friends, hear a scripture message, play games, and make a joyful noise in many ways with a variety of musical instruments. Connections will be lead by Ms. Vicki, Dr. Coffey, Mr. Mitch, and guests. Join us to see what it's all about! K - 5th at 3:15, 6th - 12th at 4:30, and 3's - VPK at 5:45.

College Trajectory Bible Study is meeting on Zoom. For more information, please email Scott Stuart at college@1stpc.org.

Young Adult Ministry: We are meeting regularly via Zoom. For more information on Young Adult Ministry or specifically on these meetings, please email Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.

The Gordon Hoover Class is Zooming on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Connect by phone or computer. Everyone is welcome! This Sunday's lesson is 2 Peter 2. If you are interested in joining, please contact Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com.

First Presbyterian Preschool is open for the academic year, 2020-2021. Please pray for a safe and good start to the new year for our teachers and students. If you know of anyone that is looking for a preschool, we would appreciate you recommending ours. For more information, contact Lisa Hershkowitz at preschool@1stpc.org.

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Melda Bassett, Rhesa Bostick, Ellen Farber, Jayne Fox, Lib Harrer, Emily Hoyer, Frank Maturo, Elizabeth Miller, and Theral Moore. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Trinity Gilkey, Brian Hill, Matt Roland, Emily Snook, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez, Joe Mueller, and Paul Samala. Essential worker: Bill Clark.

As you pray, please remember those who are on the front lines of COVID-19. Are you an essential worker? Would you like us to pray for you by name? Please contact the church office at 352-378-1527 or communications@1stpc.org. We will share a few names each week in this space. If you are calling for someone else, please ask if this is for staff prayer only or if we have permission to print a name in the worship guide.

Online Contributions can be made through your computer or smart phone. Go to 1stpc.org and click the red Pushpay icon. Give to the General Budget or specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text Contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy through the church office or by email business@1stpc.org if you have any questions.

The church office remains closed to visitors until further notice. Our church staff is still available at (352) 378-1527 during regular office hours, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or via email. Calls are forwarded on the weekends. Please wait through the entire recording to be connected or to leave a message.

FPC Figures for September 6

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$15,577
Pledged and Loosed Offerings	\$12,683
YTD General Budget Requirements	\$155,769
YTD Actual General Budget Receipts	\$168,258

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