



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 23, 2018, 10:30 A.M.

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

\*Please stand if able

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*The risen Lord Jesus has triumphed over the powers of sin, evil, and death. In today's Gospel reading we see Jesus' complete authority over evil spirits as with one command he restores a boy to full health. Jesus explains to his disciples that it is only through prayer that miracles can be accomplished in his name. The power of words is also highlighted by James, who cautions us against disunity and urges us to guard our tongues. The effect of arguing amongst individuals and the church body is likened to a blazing forest fire. Proverbs meanwhile personifies the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit, calling us to pray for divine guidance before we speak or act.*

#### PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in G Minor  
Before Thy Throne I Now Appear*

Nicolaus Bruhns  
J.S. Bach

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

*(Please circulate the friendship forms found in the aisle seats.)*

Rev. Robert Martin

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Harold Robison

*L: We come to this place seeking something. . .*

**P: But even more important, we come as people who are sought by the One whose other name is love.**

*L: So let us enter this time of worship with hearts and minds open.*

**P: Come, let us worship God.**

#### \*HYMN 458

*Earth and All Stars*

DEXTER

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Holy God,  
we confess that we are often filled to the brim with self-importance.  
Sometimes we have sought more to be served than to serve.  
We strive for personal gain, caring little for your glory.  
And we know that living this way misses the mark.  
In your mercy, forgive us, and renew us.  
Soften our hearts. Free us for service.  
And through this service, may we know the deep joy  
of being all that you have made us to be.  
We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

#### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*L: Friends, believe the good news.*

**P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*Gloria Patri - 579** *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 and Amen.*

#### \*Passing the Peace and Greetings

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Puppet Ministry

*(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for Children's Church following the Children's Moment.)*

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* from "Strahlsund Gesangbuch 1665 /  
arr. Mack Wilberg

*Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration!  
Praise to the Lord! Over all things He gloriously reigneth, borne as on eagle wings, safely His saints He sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what He ordaineth?  
Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy way and defend thee. Surely His goodness and mercy  
Shall ever attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with His love doth befriend thee.  
Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath breath, join with Abraham's seed to adore Him!  
Let the "amen" sum all our praises again, now as we worship before Him.*

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Generous God, who sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that we would be open to hear your holy word now; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURES** Psalm 1 (page 489 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Robison

James 3:1-12 (page 230 in pew Bible)

Rev. Martin

*L. This is the Word of the Lord!*

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*Watch Your Words*

Rev. Robert Martin

\***HYMN 301**

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

SOUTHWELL

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Martin

Choral Response

**OFFERING / OFFERTORY**

*Our Father Who Art in Heaven*

J.S. Bach

\***Doxology - 592**

**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 DEDICATION** (in unison)

**As we bring these offerings to you, O God, we pray that our lives will be opened even wider to see where love may be needed. Receive our gifts now, we pray. Amen.**

\***HYMN 380**

*O Christ, the Healer*

ERHALT UNS HERR

\***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Choral Response

\***POSTLUDE**

*Rigaudon*

Andre Campra

### ~~~~~ Worshipping With Children

- \* AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children's Corner.
- \* Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- \* Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- \* Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- \* Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- \* All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children's Moment.

### Articles needed for the new Recovery House at the Gathering Place

The following should be in new or excellent used condition: Bedding, twin and 3 full, bath towels for five people plus 2 bath mats, kitchen towels, two 12-cup coffee pots, two microwaves, one toaster oven/toaster, silverware for 5 people, two brooms and dust pans, a vacuum cleaner (that can be used on hard floors), trash can for kitchen, five small bedroom trash cans, one 5-6 chair kitchen table, lamps, art work for walls, laundry baskets, floor mop/Swiffer, outdoor furniture, large flat screen smart television, computer, several small desks, entry water hog mats, area rugs for each bedroom and an indoor/outdoor rug for the living room (new condition only on rugs), and a porch swing.

Always needed: paper towels, toilet paper, hand soap, shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent, etc. and Glade plug ins.

If you have any of these items to donate, please either contact:

Carla Boyle (cehboyle@hotmail.com) or Mary Kneier (Gathering Place - mary@thegpathens.com)

*On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.*

#### 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 now and forever. Amen.*

*Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."*

**REVISED COMMON  
LECTIONARY**

*This lectionary provides a three-year series of readings for Sunday starting with the season of Advent, four weeks before Christmas Day.*

*The three year cycle is split into years – A,B, and C.*

*For each Sunday and festival, three readings and a psalm are suggested and include: a Gospel reading, an Old Testament reading, and a New Testament reading.*

*The lectionary is a work of The Consultation on Common Texts, an ecumenical consultation*

*of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada, who produce liturgical texts for use in common by North American Christian Churches.*

*Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read periodically in all three years and is especially frequent in Year B.*

**Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, September 23, 2018, the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

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| First Reading  | Proverbs 31:10-31 |
| Psalm          | Psalm 1           |
| Second Reading | James 3:1-12      |
| Gospel         | Mark 9:30-37      |

**First Reading Proverbs 31:10-31**

- 10A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
- 11The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
- 12She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
- 13She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
- 14She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.
- 15She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.
- 16She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- 17She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.
- 18She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.
- 19She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- 20She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- 21She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- 22She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- 23Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- 24She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- 25Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
- 26She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- 27She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- 28Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:
- 29"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
- 30Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- 31Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

**Gospel Mark 9:30-37**

30They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; 31for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." 32But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.33Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" 34But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. 35He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." 36Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 37"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

**Christian Education Theme 2018-19 - "Lost in Translation"**

Words can be tricky. Do they really mean what we think they mean? Are they being used correctly? Has the meaning of the word changed over time or has it been "Lost in Translation"? This year we will delve into the world of words - words in the Bible and words in our every day lives. Join us as we unravel, decipher, and bring new, deeper understanding to words and the way they enrich (or muddy) the stories that contain them.

**You can watch a  
broadcast of FPC  
Worship service on  
Athens Community  
Television.**

**Schedule**  
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Monday through  
Friday  
and  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday.

Minister: Rev. Robert E. Martin  
CE Coordinator and Handbell Director: Kirsten Trachsel  
Administrative Assistant: Jane Baker

Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart  
Organist: Janice Robison  
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**Deacon of the Month - Mary Costello** - A friend to call in time of need - mbcostello@hotmail.com 740-592-3444

Liturgist - Harold Robison                      Acolytes - Alexia Gyftopoulos and Abbey Heinrich                      Chancel Prep - Linda Parsons  
Ushers - Carol Perry and Patrick Tegge                      Puppeteers - Bobbi Conliffe, Neal Nesbitt, Becky Pankratz, and Andersen Trachsel

**Church Activities for the Week**

**SUNDAY, September 23rd - Food Pantry/Trail Mix Sunday**

9:00 A.M. - Women of Faith Book study, library  
9:45 A.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, choir room  
10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3  
10:00-10:30 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall  
10:30 A.M. - Puppets during Worship and Children's Church, Sanctuary and classrooms  
11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3  
11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall  
11:30 A.M.-Noon - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall

**MON., 24th - Noon - October newsletter deadline**

Noon - Al-Anon, library  
5:45-8:30 P.M. - Calliope choir rehearsal, FH

**TUES., 25th - 10:00 A.M. - Combined Presbyterian Women's**

Circle meeting, Wyngate, The Plains  
Noon - Bible study, library

**WED., 26th - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library**

Noon - Women of Faith Book study, library  
6:00 P.M. - Bell choir rehearsal, bell choir room  
7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

**THURS., 27th - 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - College lunch and fellowship, kitchen and fellowship hall**

**FRI., 28th - 7:00-8:00 P.M. - Steam Punk Concert, "From the Earth to the Moon," Sanctuary**

**SUNDAY, September 30th - Youth Sunday**

9:00 A.M. - Women of Faith Book study, library  
9:45 A.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, choir room  
10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3  
10:00-10:30 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall  
10:30 A.M. - Worship and Children's Church, Sanctuary and classrooms  
11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3  
11:30 A.M. - CE event (see insert), fellowship hall  
11:30 A.M.-Noon - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall

**Welcome College Students!**

We are glad you are worshiping with us today! Fellowship and activities for college students are available. Please contact Kirsten Trachsel (ktrachsel1@gmail.com) for more information.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Lost In Translation: Paul's Use of the Greek Language**

Join us for the first event in this year's education year on **next Sunday, September 30th** following worship. A luncheon of Greek food will be followed by a program given by Steve Hays. The topic will be the Apostle Paul's use of the Greek language as he worked to spread the Christian message and support the early church. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend the event! (see insert)

**CROP Walk - Sunday, October 7th, 2:00 p.m.**

Interested? Contact Danny Moates.

**Outreach/Mission Committee - Recovery House at the Gathering Place**

The Gathering Place is gearing up to open its new recovery house on the corner of High Street and N Congress Street adjacent to the current Gathering Place facility. This will be a residential facility to support individuals with a dual diagnosis (addiction/mental illness). The funds to purchase the house have been successfully raised through a state grant as well as support from other sources. There are still some unmet needs related to furnishing and household and kitchen items. A wish list form the Gathering Place detailing these needs is on page 3 of bulletin and posted on the Mission and Outreach bulletin board in fellowship hall. If you have any of these items to donate, please either contact: Carla - cehboyler@hotmail.com or Mary - mary@thegpathens.com

**Athens Area Stand Down** - This year's Stand Down (to address homelessness) will be held **on Friday, October 5th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** at the Athens County Fairgrounds, 286 W Union Street. Items needed: men/women hygiene items, diapers, non-perishable foods, clothing, coats/hats/scarves/gloves, shoes/boots, sleeping bags, wet wipes, sun screen, backpacks, and paper products.

[www.AthensAreaStandDown.org](http://www.AthensAreaStandDown.org)

**Amesville-New England Parish** is participating in the *Days for Girls* project which involves sewing menstrual kits for girls in underdeveloped countries. Want to help? The next sewing days will be Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 9-11 a.m. and Thursday Sept. 27 from 7-9 p.m. at the home of Marcia Burchby in Amesville. The group will be completing 18 kits, which will be sent to Haiti in October, and starting more parts for future kits. If you have a sewing machine, bring it along. If you don't, please come to do other work. Monetary contributions are appreciated and will be used to purchase needed materials for kits. The cost of each kit is about \$10.

*Days for Girls* can be found at:

<https://www.daysforgirls.org/>

**Food Pantry Sunday** is the fourth Sunday of each month. Canned goods, non-perishables and monetary donations are always needed and welcomed. Use brown envelopes on the back of pews (check *Food Pantry*) for monetary donations. Food donations can be dropped off at the church or church office. Contact Dan Neason (592-2823) for more info.

**Trail Mix Ministry Assembly** - Snack bags are assembled the fourth Sunday of each month, 10:00-10:20 a.m. and 11:35 a.m.-Noon in Fellowship Hall. Monetary (use the brown giving envelopes and mark Trail Mix on it) as well as in kind donations are appreciated. **Next date is TODAY.**

**Organ Program** - Christopher Houihan, nationally known organist, will play a varied program from Bach to contemporary music at Christ Lutheran Church, Mill Street, Athens at 7:30 on Friday October 5th. Free admission.