

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, Sept 17th, 2017

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Please stand at items marked * if you are able.
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison
Organ Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Pianist: Micah Pawluk Music Director: Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

* **Entry of the Bible**

Introit

Call to Worship

* **Hymn:** "Jesus, where'er thy people meet"

#431

Opening Prayer:

Holy, wonderful, and loving God: The heavens and the earth are full of your glory. You take darkness and give light. You take grief and give healing. You take strife and give peace. You take fatigue and give strength. You take fear and give courage. You take captivity and give liberation. We confess that our lives do not always reflect your transforming power. You are gracious, but we cling to judgment. You are kind, but we can be cruel. You are forgiving, but we nurse grudges and old wounds. You are filled with joy, but we are caught in bitterness, dissatisfaction, and complaints. Continue in us your work of transformation, and make us new. We ask in Jesus' name; amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

* **Children's Hymn:** "God forgave my sin/Freely, freely" **#774**

Sing last verse after Children's Time

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

#449

"Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love; send us power; send us grace!"

"Be Still and Know that I am God" (Ps. 46: 10)
Please take the time before the service as an opportunity to quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship.

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Upcoming Events at First

Sept 21 st	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Sept 22 nd	Crafts & Conversations	1:00 pm
Sept 24 th	Sunday Worship MTM bake sale Support of worldwide mission work	11:00 am
Sept 27 th	Board of Managers	6:30 pm



Welcome Micah Pawluk!

Micah will be serving as our new pianist.

Bible Study will resume in October.
(Thur. Oct. 5th at 10:00 am)

NEWSLETTER:

If you would like to receive an email copy of the Newsletter, please ensure the office has your email address. Our church email address is: first@tbaytel.net

Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 278 Camelot St. will be hosting the internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir in concert on Sunday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. (TONIGHT)

The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional Spirituals and Gospel favorites. The concert is free and open to all. Donations will be accepted at the performance to support African Children's Choir programs, such as education, care and relief and development programs.

Thank you, this week, to: Sep 17th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Bobbie Casella

Fellowship Time: Muriel Macdonald and Leila Pettigrew

Elevator Operator: Richard Noy

Lawn Maintenance: Terry Casella

Offering Counting: Sandra Allan, Mickey Kennedy, Leila Pettigrew

Offering Collection:

Next week's volunteers: Sep 24th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Richard Noy

Fellowship Time: Leslie Shaw

Elevator Operator: Colin Rackham

Lawn Maintenance: Terry Casella

Offering Counting: Debbie Linkletter and Maureen Verdone

Offering Collection:

THANK
YOU!

The Worship Committee will be decorating the sanctuary on Friday, Oct. 6 for Thanksgiving. If you have any fall decorations, produce or preserves we could borrow to beautify the sanctuary, we would appreciate having these at the church by Friday noon. If you need the items picked up, please contact Carol Wehrstedt at 939-1020 to make arrangements.

Bible Readings:

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:6-13

Matthew 18:21-35

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Gloria Patri:

#594

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.

Sermon: "Forgiveness: Pay it Forward"

*** Hymn: "Amazing Grace" (verses 1, 2, 3, and 6)**

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response:**

#661 v.2

"May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, And gladly as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give."

Prayer of Dedication:

Patient Lord, you amaze us each day with your ability to forgive our many sins. You display merciful acts and answer our prayers in profound ways. Help us to be stewards of your mercy and grace as these monetary gifts are transformed into active ministries. Multiply the span of these ministries to reach people in new ways. We pray in the name of the one who teaches true forgiveness, Jesus Christ. Amen.

INDUCTION OF ELDERS

There are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit;

There are varieties of services,
but the same Lord;

There are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
to use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

Though we have different gifts,
together we are called to be the church
with a ministry in the world
which is led by the risen Christ.

NARRATION OF STEPS

THE ELDERS' VOWS:

Bill, Debbie, Carol, Brenda, Kathleen, Ken, Cyril, Ruth, and Lorne: That your faith in God and your integrity of purpose may be declared before God and all people, you are required in terms of this preamble to answer the questions appointed for all who would enter or re-enter the office of the Ruling Elder.

1. Do you believe in God the Father, made known in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments? (I do.)
2. Do you accept the subordinate standards of this Church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures and to be guided thereby in fostering Christian belief, worship and service among the people? (I do)
3. Do you accept the government of this Church by sessions, presbyteries, synods, and general assemblies, and do you promise to share in and submit yourself to all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course, but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy Catholic Church? (I do.)
4. In accepting the office of Elder, do you promise to perform your duties in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, striving to build up his Church and to strengthen its mission in the world? (I do.)

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these vows.

THE CONGREGATION'S VOWS:

(the congregation please stand)

The induction of elders in a congregation, if their leadership and ministry are to be fruitful, involves responsibilities for both the elders and the people of the church. These questions therefore I direct to you, the members and adherents of this congregation, so that you may renew your obligations to this shared ministry.

1. Do you confess your faith in God as creator and ruler of the world, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your inspiration and strength? (We do.)

2. Do you receive Bill, Debbie, Carol, Brenda, Kathleen, Ken, Cyril, Ruth, and Lorne: as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Christ? (We do.)

3. Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church? (We do.)

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these promises. (Amen.)

PRAYER:

We praise and glorify you, Lord God Almighty, for you have created us and called us to yourself; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ your Son; you sustain our lives and our works through the presence and power of your Holy Spirit. Almighty God: in every age, you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your people. We thank you for these men and women whom you have called to serve you as ruling elders. By the power of your Spirit, develop in them the gifts of ministry; may they have the same mind that was in Christ, serving you in the world as long as they shall live; through Jesus Christ the Lord.

God of Grace, who baptized us into a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ; who called us to be a priesthood of all believers; who entrusted to us the message of reconciliation; we pray for courage and discipline to follow where your elders rightly lead us, that together we may declare your mighty acts and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all. Amen.

DECLARATION

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts...debtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "He leadeth me"

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Blessing

"Peace! Peace! Wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above. Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray, in fathomless billows of love."

Postlude

(Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness during the postlude, which is our organist's gift both to you and to God.

If you must leave before the postlude concludes, please do so as quietly as possible.)