

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Sept 24th 2017

Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison
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: "This is my Father's World" #328

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, compassionate Son, healing Spirit: your care for this world, and for us, is greater than we can imagine: You draw near to us in kindness and tenderness, regardless of our state or condition. You turn weeping into laughter, sorrow into joy, death into life. You redeem all that seems lost. In gratitude, we set aside this time to rest, to enjoy you, the beauty of your world, and the gift of life. Giver of all good gifts, we confess that our own generosity is limited. We give, but often reluctantly. We shrink from costly discipleship, preferring cheap grace. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasm and our shallow commitment. Guide us in your way of joyful giving, a way embodied by Christ, who freely gave himself for us, and in whose name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

*Children's Hymn "I'm gonna live so God can use me" #648
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.

Bible Readings:

Jonah 3:10-4:4
Psalm 145:1-8
Matthew 20:1-16

OT – Pg. 861
OT – Pg. 581
NT – Pg. 21-22

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: "It's Five O'clock Somewhere"

Hymn: "Help us accept each other" #632

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:**

Blessed are you, eternal God. You have set Creation before us, and charged us with its care. You have provided all that we need to become the people you have called us to be. We pledge these gifts, the work of our hands and the joy of our hearts, to your service and the building up of your kingdom of grace and peace. Bless us in our sharing, and bless all to your service. We ask and offer all these things through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Called as partners in Christ's Service" #587

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.)