

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2017

11:00 A.M.



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with your spirit.

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major. Op. 37, No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is great and does wondrous things.

Teach us your way, O God.

God helps and comforts us.

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and mercy.

Come and worship God.

*HYMN 63

The Lord is God

Azmon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your way, O God is holy, and we are quick to say we will follow it; but we so easily look back and show ourselves unworthy of your kingdom.

Your Spirit, O God, would bear good fruit in our lives; but we so soon return to our sinful ways, ignoring the needs of others, looking instead to our own.

Forgive us, Holy God, for each time we have opposed your Spirit or wandered from your way. Give us the resolute Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may follow him in the way of true discipleship, the way of the cross, bearing good and lasting fruit that is most pleasing to you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

Hymn 551

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
 mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
 Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am Bb C Dm

(G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Friends: Believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

***RESPONSE**

Hymn 447

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

G Am7 Dsus D G Am
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G

*Children age 4 through first grade are invited to be escorted to "Kids' Kirk,"
 an age-appropriate worship and learning opportunity, in Room 32 of the Educational Building.*

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

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Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall, He is at the right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 10:24–39

Pew Bible p. 46

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 86:1–10, 16–17

Pew Bible p. 544

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Truth’s Hardness”

Dave Welch

With our lives may we bless the Lord;
Lost and found in God’s wonder, love, service and praise.

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Suo Gan

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 5:4

The Spirit helps believers grow in the new life:

**The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people.
The struggle between the old way of life and the new was severe.
Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus
love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil.
We believe the Holy Spirit works today
whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ.
As long as we live we struggle with sin,
but the Spirit’s presence assures us
God will complete what he has begun in us.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer (*debt/debtors*)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Andante

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Prayer of the Day

Pour out upon us, O God, the power and wisdom of your Spirit, that we may walk with Christ the way of the cross, ready to offer even the gift of our lives to show forth to the world our hope in your kingdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Hall

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 757, St. 1

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord; to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword; to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast; to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2

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Worship Notes – Week of June 25, 2017

We welcome all visitors to our worship today! Thank you for choosing to be a part of our service today. Please help us to know you better by providing your name and address in the Fellowship Register, as well as indicating if you are visiting for the first time. Thank you very much!

Next Sunday, July 2 will be **ONE Worship Service** and the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m.

We welcome our interim Director of Music Ministries Pat Flannagan who recently completed his 35th year on the faculty at King University, where he teaches music history, conducting, musicology, choir, and voice. He earned a BA in psychology from King College, a BM in church music and an MM in choral conducting from Westminster Choir College, and a PhD in musicology from The Catholic University of America. Under his leadership, King University Choirs have sung extensively throughout the US, Scotland, England, and Greece. Pat has trained choirs for six different performances at Carnegie Hall, working with conductors such as Timothy Sharp and John Rutter. He has been invited to conduct a concert there on May 13, 2018. That trip is open to singers and nonsingers who may be interested in a short week in New York City. We know Pat, Beth, and their family well; they have been members here for more than 30 years. We are grateful to have him as a member of our team.

Serving During Today's Worship

Ushers

George & Laura Linke
Ernie & Karen Pennington

Lay Reader

Lee Galliher

Audio

Matt & Erin Kingsley

Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir

Locking/Unlocking

JB Madison

We welcome our guest organist: Robert J. Greene, Jr. who holds degrees from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and from Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He has served as Music Director and Organist for congregations in Florida, New York, Tennessee and Virginia. His musical compositions include art songs, congregational hymns, choral anthems for adults and children, hand bell compositions, church musicals, solo organ pieces, chamber music, electronic music, contemporary Christian music, and a major cantata – The Seven Last Words – based upon the passion of Christ. He has received awards and commissions for his instrumental and choral compositions, and he is published by MorningStar Music, and Saint James Music Press. Bob resides in Bristol, VA with his wife Susie.

Five-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering: In addition to our regular offering for the church's ministry, this morning we collect our quarterly **Five-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering**. These monies provide hunger relief through local ministries like the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry, Haven of Rest, Abuse Alternatives, and global ministries like our partner church and school in Natal, Brazil. Suggested offering is \$13.65 per person. Thanks for your generosity!

Children and Worship: Our church nursery welcomes children from birth through age 3 during worship. It is located in the Education Wing of the church; please ask an usher to guide you there. For children from age 4 through 1st grade, we offer “Kids’ Kirk,” an age-appropriate worship and learning opportunity. Children are escorted from the worship service with their leaders to Room 32 of the Education Wing, where parents pick them up after worship.

Today’s music: Our anthem for today was composed by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and is part of the major oratorio, Elijah. The ensemble represents a chorus of angels who are imploring the prophet Elijah to trust in God and God will reveal truth to the people of Israel. The story is preserved for us in 1 Kings 17 and the chapters that follow.

Organist’s Footnote: Last week’s organ music was all by Johann Sebastian Bach. This week, we will hear music composed by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, the man without whom the world might never have known of Bach. Two works are heard today. The first work, the Prelude and Fugue in G Major, has been split in half, and will be heard as the Prelude and Postlude. The Offertory is a transcription of the Andante movement from Mendelssohn’s Violin Concerto.

Hearing assistance devices, and individual pew cushions are available in the narthex. Speakers broadcasting the sanctuary worship service are in the conference room for worshippers needing to leave the sanctuary for any reason. Please ask an usher.

Birthday Prayer Fellowship

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| June 26 | Tom Faucette, Jon Lundberg, Mollee McClain |
| June 27 | Kaye Crutchfield, Robert Havlik, Erin Kingsley |
| June 28 | Nora Smith |
| June 29 | Noah Ong |
| June 30 | Julia Sikorski |

This Week at FPC

Sunday, June 25

8:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting,
Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, June 26

7:00 p.m. Session of Elders, Room 123

Tuesday, June 27

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Venture Crew 3, Room 165
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 3, Scout Wing

Wednesday, June 28

6:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee,
Room 117
7:00 p.m. 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal,
Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 29

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Parlor
12:00 p.m. Noon Bible Study, Room 117

