



**August 27, 2017**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Prayer of Preparation

J. Janda

*I make everything you see, I make everything you hear. I make everything you touch, and taste, and smell to surprise you. But if you don't open your eyes, and you don't open your ears, or taste things, or touch things, or smell things well then, you will never know me. All that I do is to show my love for you.*

Welcome

Minute for Mission

Pictorial Directory

Randy Edwards

**We Enter Into God's Presence**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

*Prelude of Perambulation*

Quentin Thomas

\*Call to Worship (responsively)

Liturgist: Life can sometimes be very difficult.

**All: We look around and wonder where God is.**

Liturgist: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

**All: God surrounds us with love and courage.**

Liturgist: Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

**All: Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence. AMEN.**

\*Hymn 692

*Spirit Open My Heart*

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

**We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, God of mystery. The desires of the world would shape us into people you would not recognize. The demands of our society pull us away from your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, and the successful yet, you are the champion of the weak, the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Forgive us, Merciful God, when we doubt and questioned ourselves who Jesus is. Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and go forth to serve your people, in Christ's name.**

A Time of Silent, Personal Prayer for Peace

\*Song of Assurance

*More Than Before*

Kelly S. Moor

**When I need forgiveness Lord,  
when my heart is cold,  
when I am feeling overwhelmed,  
but no-one seems to know;  
You are my source of life,  
my shining light, my calm in every storm.  
You hold my shaking hand  
then I understand that in You  
I am more than I was before.**

+++*Latecomers may be seated at this time.*

## **We Hear God's Word**

Mindfulness Prayer

Not for Children Only

*Prayer concern cards collected in the side aisles at this time*

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ

*Turn to your neighbor and pass the Peace of Christ*

## The New Life in Christ

**12** I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual<sup>[b]</sup> worship.<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world,<sup>[c]</sup> but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.<sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,<sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.<sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;<sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;<sup>8</sup> the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

## Peter's Declaration about Jesus

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, <sup>[a]</sup> the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, <sup>[b]</sup> and on this rock <sup>[c]</sup> I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was <sup>[d]</sup> the Messiah. <sup>[e]</sup>

## We Respond To God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Confession of 1967, 9.07

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we confess about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

Joys and Hopes of the People of God & Lord's Prayer

Offertory &

*I Saw The Rich Ones*

Pat Mayberry

Signing of the  
Friendship Pad

Sarah Beth Simonds & Lorene & Paul McVey, soloists

\*Doxology 609

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Alleluia*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Generous God who always gives to each one of us the best, we thank you for this opportunity to share from our abundance. Bless these gifts, offered through the ministries and mission of this church. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.**

## We Follow God's Word Into the World

\*Song of Sending 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

\*Blessing

Postlude

*Festival Voluntary*

Flor Peeters

**We hold in our prayers:** Names provided in print edition.

**Today's flowers are given by:** Information provided in print edition.

## Assisting in Worship

	<b>August 27</b>	<b>September 3</b>
Lector	Alvine Cooper	Pam Jusino
Ushers	<b>Ed Haas</b> Terri Hass Dot Basmaji Karen McCullough	<b>Alvine Cooper</b> Tom Neal Cathy Neal Rusty Soronen
Greeters	Bob & Betty Tell	Bill Soens & Andasia Latimer
Welcome Center	Sally Kirsten	
Sunday Sextons	Rick Fuller	Alvine Cooper Matt Hedgecock
Hospitality Time		

**Final Vespers with Communion this Wednesday evening:** Enjoy this final opportunity for this mid-week spiritual boost at Vespers. This 30-minute, informal service starts at 7:00 p.m. and includes a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Join us in the sanctuary for a time of worship and fellowship.

**We need you!** Do you enjoy nurturing children as they grown in faith? Our K-5th graders seek teachers as they continue Growing in Grace and Gratitude in September. To learn more, grab a beverage and a snack after worship TODAY, and then meet Leslie Moyna in the 2nd floor library. Can't make it to today's gathering? Contact Leslie to let her know you're interested.

**Last Call for Sneaker Donations:** This is the final week to send in donations to purchase sneakers to make sure every elementary school student in the Farmington Public School District has a pair of sneakers for gym class! Just write a check to our church and write "sneakers" in the memo line or you can put cash in a pew envelope with your name and "sneakers" on it.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study Continues:** Where do you see God's grace at work in your life? Four of seven sessions remain, as the group delves into the book of Ephesians in a class entitled *God's Abiding Gift of Grace*. The group meets in the church library on Sundays at 9 a.m. Feel free to attend when you can as each session stands on its own. Please contact Josh Archey if childcare is needed.

**Fall Fest is coming soon!** Get ready for a fun-filled day provided by the church and Boy Scout Troop #179 on Sunday, Sept. 10. After worship, enjoy a free BBQ lunch followed by live music, a 38-foot inflatable obstacle course, games and henna tattoos. There's something for the whole family so be sure to invite your family and friends to join in this free, fun, family-friendly event!

**Cope Garden restoration begins!** This week the landscaper began work on the long-awaited Cope Garden restoration project. The committee is planning a rededication ceremony for Sunday, Sept. 10. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the project. Additional donations welcome.

**Pictorial Directory adds additional Photo Day, seeks Volunteers:** Since the Sept. 15 photo schedule is full and we have only a limited number of dates for Sept. 16, we've added an additional day: Thursday, Sept. 14. Each family unit will receive a free 8x10 color portrait that also will be included in our pictorial directory. Additional portrait packages can be purchased. Sign up in the narthex or pick up a flyer on how to sign up yourself online. Not available on those dates? Find out how to sign up to have your photo taken for our church directory at a nearby church or to submit your own photo for publication. Pets are welcome. Volunteers are also needed for two-hour shifts for registration/welcoming. Call Deborah Draper for more details.

**Bring in Fresh Produce on Sundays:** All produce that is collected after Sunday services is being donated to C.A.R.E.S. (Community. Action. Resources. Empowerment. Services.) of Farmington Hills. This is the new name for what used to be St. Alexander's Food Cupboard. Bring what you grow or buy at the Farmers' Market to church on Sunday. A member of the congregation takes it over to C.A.R.E.S. on Tuesday mornings. Your contribution will be much appreciated by someone in our community who is in need.

**Have a Knack for Interior Design?** Do you have an eye for color? A flair for interior design? A knack for organization? A team is being formed to survey the interior of the church and develop a list of areas that needs a little (or a lot) of sprucing and organizing. The team may be involved in the recommended changes. If you are interested, please contact Leslie Moyna.

**Hospitality Time and Worship Flowers:** Become part of our welcoming ministry! If you'd like to host a post-worship gathering by providing light treats or offer flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or to the glory of God, there are sign-up sheets posted on the kiosk. An arrangement of flowers costs \$22.50 – please write flowers on your envelope or in your check's memo line. Your talents and participation are needed and appreciated.

**Craft Show Booths Are Filling Up:** Applications are coming for our crafts show on November 11 & 12 in Knox Hall. We are only doing homemade crafts and baked goods. If you would like an application for a space, please request one from Deborah Draper or let her know if you'd rather be with other church members in a joint space. Let's make this a wonderful fellowship time for holiday gift giving.

**"Prayground" in the Narthex!** Have a little one who needs a break from sitting in the sanctuary? Listen to the service from the narthex while your children enjoy Bible-themed books, toys and games! Or find our loving nursery attendants, Ms. Dawn and Ms. Sandy, at the back of the narthex and up the steps every Sunday! Children are ALWAYS welcome to remain in worship with their family!

# **This Week At First Presbyterian**

## **Sunday, August 27**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time  
11:30 a.m. K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers Meeting  
11:30 a.m. PW CT Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

## **Monday, August 28**

No events scheduled

## **Tuesday, August 29**

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Leo's Coney Island  
7:00 p.m. Stephen Minister Training

## **Wednesday, August 30**

7:00 p.m. Final Vespers with Communion

## **Thursday, August 31**

No events scheduled

## **Friday, September 1**

6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

## **Saturday, September 2**

No events scheduled

## **Sunday, September 3**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. Hospitality Time  
6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

## **Monday, September 4 Church Office & Building Closed**



## **First Presbyterian Staff**

Senior Pastor

Ministers

Christian Education Director

Music Director

Organist

Administrative Assistant

Sexton

Sunday Nursery Attendants

Rev. Eddie Jusino

Members of the congregation

Joshua Archey

Dr. Gerald Custer

Shari Fiore

Karen Spica

Vanya Georgieva

Dawn Johnson & Sandra Lieberman