

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 AM

First Presbyterian Church

Cape Girardeau, MO

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020



10:45 AM

Worship service with communion.

Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month, and on other religious holidays throughout the year. The Lord's Table is open to all who wish to participate and who have expressed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized.

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Guidelines for In-Person Worship

- ◇ **If you have a fever, or are not feeling well, please stay home.**
- ◇ **The church van will NOT be in use until further notice.**
- ◇ **NOTE: Cushions have been removed from all the pews. Bring a pillow if needed.**
- ◇ Weather-permitting, the **West (Lorimier) door** and the **North-facing (Broadway) door will be propped open** for you to enter and exit. A greeter will be stationed at each of these doors. The other doors will be locked.
- ◇ **Hand sanitizer** will be available in the Narthex.
- ◇ **You are required to wear a mask** while entering and exiting and moving about the building. If you do not have a mask, we will provide one.
- ◇ When you arrive, **go directly into the sanctuary and be seated. Do not congregate in the Narthex or Atrium.**
- ◇ **Keep plenty of space between yourself and others** when entering and exiting and when moving about the building.
- ◇ **Refrain from hugging and shaking hands.**
- ◇ **NO coffee or water will be available.** You are welcome to bring your own in a cup with a lid.
- ◇ **Seating** will be in every other pew, with no more than FOUR (4) unrelated people in each pew. You may remove your mask while seated.
- ◇ **We will not be singing hymns,** but a soloist or small group may sing from the balcony or the chancel.
- ◇ **We will not pass the offering plate** but will have a container in the Narthex for you to place your offering before you leave.
- ◇ **Use the restroom one person at a time.** Wash your hands thoroughly before leaving the restroom.
- ◇ For **communion**, pre-packaged cups and wafers will be provided.
- ◇ Ushers will **dismiss pews row by row**, beginning at the back of the sanctuary.

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WELCOME!!

Today, we invite you to join us in the continued growth of our community at our 10:45 a.m. Sunday service. Whether you are a faith veteran or a first time visitor, you are welcome here!

INTROIT

“God, reveal your presence: gladly we adore you, and with awe appear before you. Holy is your temple: all within keep silence, humbly bow with deepest reverence. You alone now we own as our God and Savior: praise your name forever!”

HYMN 15

Virtually blind and unable to endure daylight, St. Francis of Assisi wrote this nature hymn during the summer of 1225 in the seclusion of a hut near San Damiano, Italy. The text is a meditation on Psalm 145

† We gather as the people of God †

The Peal of the Church Bell

PRELUDE

Moment By Moment

James Denton

WELCOME

One: Welcome, People of God! Thank you for worshiping with us. This is the day the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

CHORAL INTROIT

God, Reveal Your Presence

Joachim Neander

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us be called to worship with a reading of Psalm 149. Listen in a spirit of praise.

¹ Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

³ Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.

⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,

⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,

⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the LORD!

HYMN #15

All Creatures of Our God and King

choir only

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's' amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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DOXOLOGY

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to
the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without
end.

Amen, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, You teach us to seek reconciliation with those who have wronged us; for, above all else, we are to love one another. But we let resentment smolder until anger flares, destroying any chance of peace. We blame others and refuse to repent. Grant us grace, we pray. Make space in our wounded hearts for the possibility of forgiveness, and teach us to turn toward others in love as you have turned toward us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI – choir only

† We listen for God's Word to us †

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

For the Common Good

Rev. Ellen Gurnon

HYMN #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

choir only

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† We respond with gratitude †

Offering

We are grateful for your tithes and offerings and ask that you place them in the wooden box in the center of the Narthex before you leave the building.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in his name, be among us now that our offerings may become instruments of your love and justice. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Supper Invitation

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution Communion of the People Prayer after Communion

† We are sent to love and serve †

Closing Hymn # 719

Come, Labor On

choir only

Benediction

****Please wait to exit until an usher dismisses you.****

Postlude

Volunatry

Adolphe Hesse

*Please stand, if you are able.

Electronic aid for the hearing impaired is available from the usher.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun.	9/6	10:45 am	Worship Service
Wed.	9/9	6:00 pm	
Thurs.	9/10	Pray for Bryan & Melissa Harris, (anniv.)	
Sun.	9/13	10:45 am	Worship Service



WELCOME!!

We are pleased you have joined us for worship this Sunday morning. We are a faithful congregation of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) and within the bounds of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. Worship is one of the many ministries that are offered by this historic and active congregation. A small group of Presbyterians began this ministry in 1835 and we are called by God to continue their faithful witness of Jesus Christ to our community and world. Bible studies and mission projects punctuate our weekly activities. If you would like more information about our ministries and/or becoming a member, please call our church office during the week or talk to our pastor after worship. Visitors and members alike are encouraged to complete the registration pad located on the main aisle of each pew. Your contact information is never shared with any other entity.

IN OUR PRAYERS

family of Kathryn Smith, Wanda Smith (Sarah Holt's sister), Lea Hecht, Nick Harris and family, Ann Ritter, Shelby Brantley, Neva Kay Ross, Scott Johnson (Nelle Johnson's son), Carol Miller and family, Bob Pikey, The family of Ann Parkinson, Sam Bishop, Ruth Pautler, Westminster Presbyterian, Beverly Henson (sister-in-law of Nancy Kopp), Ricky Ruditys, Jane Henson Bishop (sister of Nancy Kopp), Paige Wells (niece of Margery Wickham Waller), Alex Beck (Ann Ritter's granddaughter), Judy Hildrich, Steve Fiessiger (Donna Farris' brother-in-law), Annabelle Spencer, Caleb Patterson (Judy Rueseler's great-nephew), Betty Chasteen, Doug Parkinson, Jeff George (Joyce Rayfield's nephew), Vonda Slinkard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Children's Sunday School class is held for children 1st grade and older. All children are welcome to join us. Children will gather in the narthex before worship and we will go upstairs to our classroom together. Our study of the Life of Jesus will look at the Parables Jesus taught. The nursery will be available as needed for children Kindergarten and younger.