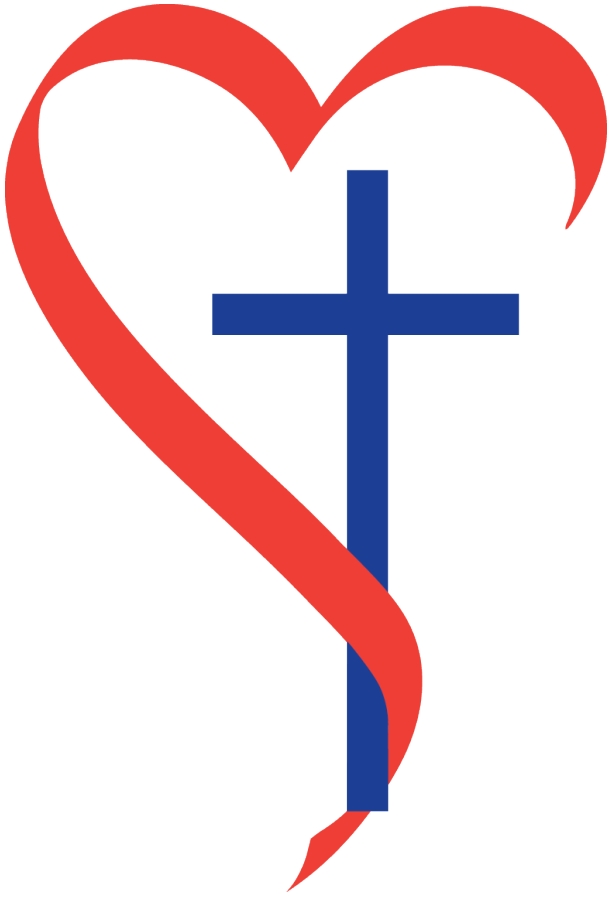


JULY 31, 2016
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church of West Chester

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. As a community of faith, we strive to “above all, love.” As we worship God together, we pray that you will experience Christ’s presence in our midst, and that he will sustain you in the week ahead. A special welcome goes out to you if you are visiting. If you are with us for the first time, stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer to find out about the many opportunities available to you in the life of our congregation. We hope you will worship with us again next Sunday.

We invite you to sign the Friendship Register, which you will find at the center aisle of each pew. As you pass it to others in your pew, note who is sitting near you, so you may greet them by name.

- Please note that hearing aids and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Maps showing available parking are in the racks in the Fellowship Hall.

Children are always welcome, and encouraged to participate in worship. Children’s Worship Activity Bags are available from the ushers.

The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church

Called to love God and one another, First Presbyterian Church responds to God’s grace by following Christ with ministries of hospitality, worship, faith development, service and generosity.



Leading Us in Worship Today:

Greg Stovell, *Pastor*
 Steve Clark, *Associate Pastor*
 Caroline Cupp, *Associate Pastor*
 Marcia Sommers, *Director of Music and Fine Arts*
 Sándor Kádár, *Principal Organist*
 Sara Pantazes, *Children’s Ministry Assistant*
 Natalie Hess, *Youth Reader*
 Sommer Vansant, *Youth Reader*

9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY
 AFTER PENTECOST**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

CHIMES – A call to stillness

Use these moments prior to the Prelude to greet one another briefly. At the ringing of the chimes, please seek the presence of God in stillness and quiet. Please silence cell phones.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on *Holy Manna*

Sándor Kádár

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ’s presence is real.

With joy, we come to see the Lord.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN #396**

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Holy Manna

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (unison)

Lord of all,

we come to worship today to hear your good news,

to hear of faith, hope and love

ringing out from your kingdom.

We know that doubt, fear and hatred

can shake even the strongest.

Shape us into faithful hopeful people,

fill us with your love that passes all understanding.

We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a New Testament, Page 175

Natalie Hess (9:00 a.m.) and Sommer Vansant (10:30 a.m.)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY UPDATES

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

As the children are going to their classes, we will sing Hymn #402, st. 1

“How Lovely, Lord” (Merle’s Tune)

“How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;

my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.

The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest,

and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.”

After 9:00 worship, parents may pick up children in Social Hall downstairs.

ANTHEM

Valley of Peace

Howard Starks

Summer Ringers; Adriana Park, violin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY Friends Association

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE OFFERING

Offertory “Walk Together, Children” Moses Hogan

“There’s a great camp meeting in the Promised Land!

Walk together children, don’t get weary, there’s a great camp meeting in the Promised Land.

Gonna walk and never tire, gonna sing and never tire, gonna shout and never tire.

There’s a great camp meeting in the Promised Land!”

Summer Chancel Choir

*Offertory Response, #606, The Doxology Old Hundredth

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

*Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

***HYMN #703** “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” St. Catherine

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:1-10 New Testament, Page 240

SERMON “Like a Child: Surrounded by Love” Dr. Greg Stovell

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Holy God, before time you named us.
Through time you redeem us.
You call us, precious in your sight.
May we love as you love.

Holy One, through the turbulent waters,
make us steady, your hands
holding strong the fragile and weak.
May we love as you love.

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives
be food for the hungry,
bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word.
May we love as you love.

God of justice, remove the chaff of our lives
that keep us from
hearing, following our call.
May we love as you love.

**Loving God, take this day our fears,
our worries, our distractions.
Take this day all that we are
and turn us into your love for this world.
May we love as you love. Amen.**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN 772** “Live Into Hope” Truro

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE Three-Fold Amen Danish Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE Toccata Theodore DuBois

* Let all who are able, please stand. *** The Ushers will seat those waiting.

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In Memoriam

Wayne E. Boekenkamp, member of First Presbyterian Church
September 30, 1973 to July 25, 2016

Our sympathy and prayers are with

Janet and George Thompson and family, in the death of Janet’s brother, Wayne;

James (Bud) Stauffer and Faye Whiteman and families in the death of James’ wife and
Faye’s sister-in-law; and

the family and friends of Hugh C. Abernethy, in his death.

The Chancel Flowers are to the Glory of God and are given by

Barbara Lade, in memory of loved ones;

Tootie Reynolds, in memory of Karen and Lew Reynolds.

Ushers

9:00 a.m. – Bob Bird, *Head Usher*; Kathy Bird, Stu Hahn, John Ziss

10:30 a.m. – Art Zadrozny, *Head Usher*; Elle Lewis, Scott Gamble, Dan Nicolson,
Ben Nicolson

Coffee and Flower Deacons today: Chris Hendricks and Sandy Lebold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

• **Chancel Flowers** are a beautiful way to honor or memorialize family and friends. Opportunities remain through the end of the year. Please see the sign-up list in Fellowship Hall, or contact the church office at 610-696-0554 to help add color to our Sunday morning worship.

• **Next Sunday, August 7**, the Summer Choir will sing Harold Friedell’s, “*Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether*”. Join us Sunday morning at 8:20 in the Choir Room, if you’d like to sing on this, our last Sunday for the summer. The full choir will be back for kick-off Sunday, September 11.

• **Communion next Sunday at both services.**

ADMINISTRATION

• **2016 Global Leadership Summit:** Less than two weeks until the live simulcast at Westminster Pres! There are only 11 spaces left at Westminster for this opportunity. If these spaces fill up, they will not be able to accept walk-ins. Register now for the August 11-12 Global Leadership Summit by submitting a check to Dory for \$129 made payable to *First Presbyterian Church* with “*GLS*” noted in the memo section.

CAREGIVING

• **PW Pocopson Home:** As you travel this summer, please remember to save any extra unopened travel toiletry items from hotels, motels, spas, etc. Presbyterian Women use these items to make “mini spa bags” for the residents of the Pocopson Home. There will be a container to receive these items marked “Pocopson Home” under the Presbyterian Women’s bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Many thanks for your help in making this project possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Meals on Wheels:** Volunteers are needed to deliver hot, nutritious meals to the homebound and elderly, Monday through Friday at lunchtime. Prepared meals are picked up at Chester County Hospital around 10:30 a.m. Each route has about 10 stops and takes about an hour to complete. Schedules are flexible so you can deliver as many times a month as you are able. Contact them at 610-430-8500 or www.mowcc.org for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MEMBERSHIP

• **Food, Music, Clowns, Artists, Magicians, Jugglers, & lots of fun!** Bring the whole family downtown and join FPWC this Thursday, August 4 at *Swingin' Summer Thursday* in downtown West Chester. We will have a booth located on Gay Street between High and Darlington Streets from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Please stop by and say "hello". We will also need a few volunteers to help set-up, service and break down our booth. Please see sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

• **First Pres Travelers:**

- **UN tour on Tuesday, August 9** Two additional tickets are available. Cost is \$53 pp.
- **Penn State vs Temple football game at State College.** Saturday September 17. Bus cost is \$40. Football tickets are available from \$70-\$150 depending on seat choice. If you already have game tickets, you may still ride the bus.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Thom and Irene ASAP at psuthom@verizon.net or call 610-436-5667.

• **Produce Table:** Stop by our Summer Produce Table in Fellowship Hall and enjoy some great things. The table is supplied by those who have excess in their gardens. Bring something in or take something home. Any questions, contact Margie Kellermann at 610-873-0162.

• **Lifetouch Photo Pickup:** If you had your photo taken for the church directory, and did not purchase additional pictures, your free 8"x10" portrait will be available for pick up in Fellowship Hall between services, or by calling the church office for pick up during the week. If you purchased additional pictures, they will all be sent to your home.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

• **August is Family Worship Month!** This August, we are inviting children to join us in worship while our Sunday School teachers rest and prepare for the coming school year. What an exciting opportunity for all of us to worship our heavenly Father together! Worship with children may be a little different from normal but it a wonderful gift to God. Please pray that these would be faith-growing experiences for our children and their families as we prepare for these times of worship together.

• **"Mission: Possible / A One-Day VBS Event": 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. THIS Wednesday, August 3**

This awesome one-day VBS, for children age 4 through grade 5, is FREE, and lunch is included! Through stories, games, crafts, and more, we'll learn about God's mission in the world, and how we are part of that mission. Advance registrations end TODAY, July 31. Go to firstpreswc.com, click on *Sign Up*, then the *VBS Sign-Up* link in the drop-down menu. Walk-In registrations will be taken the morning of Wednesday, August 3 (please arrive well before 9:30 a.m.)

• **Summer "Lunch and Learn" series continues next Sunday, August 7 in the Herron Lounge from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.** Come join us as Pastor Steve Clark shares the story of his April trip to visit our presbytery mission partners in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. Come and hear about the unique "outstation" approach to ministry in the Uniting Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa. (*Lunch provided at no cost, but contributions are welcomed.*)

• **Library News** – Our library contains over three thousand books on many subjects relative to the Christian life. There is a child/youth/junior section (at youth-reach level). To borrow a book, please write your name on the card inside the back cover, and place the card in the file box on the left side of the computer monitor at the back corner desk. Also note there is a box of books in Fellowship Hall, inside the door on "stage left" that has duplicates or miscellaneous, and they are free! Help yourself.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY – July 31

NO 8:00 WORSHIP UNTIL FALL
 8:20am Summer Choir Rehearsal
 8:30am Sunday Social ('til 10:30am)
 9:00am Worship; Nursery to age 2;
 JAM age 3-Grade 5;
 Radio Broadcast on 1520AM; Live web stream
 10:30am Worship; Nursery to age 2
 11:30am Organ Tour (*All are invited to stay at the organ for a few minutes, and learn more about this wonderful instrument.*)

MONDAY – August 1

6:30pm Spiritual Connections
 7:00pm Getsemani Partnership Committee;
 Congregational Life and Membership Committee

TUESDAY – August 2

10:00am Faith Community Nurses Office Hours
 1:30pm VBS Set Up
 5:30pm Men's Ministry Studies - Mars Group
 7:30pm Men's Ministry Studies

WEDNESDAY – August 3

NO BRIDGE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7
 9:00am Sew Many Blessings
 9:30am VBS - Mission Possible
 12:00pm Bulletin deadline
 6:00pm Stewardship Ministry Team

THURSDAY – August 4

10:30am AGAPE Team
 6:00pm Swingin' Summer Thursday (off site)

FRIDAY – August 5

6:30am Room 209 Gang (off site)
 1:00pm Sweet Dreams

SATURDAY – August 6

SUNDAY – August 7

COMMUNION SUNDAY
 NO 8:00 WORSHIP UNTIL FALL
 8:20am Summer Choir Rehearsal
 8:30am Sunday Social ('til 10:30am)
 9:00am Worship; Communion; Nursery to age 2;
 JAM age 3-Grade 5;
 Radio Broadcast on 1520AM; Live web stream
 10:30am Worship; Communion; Nursery to age 2
 11:45am Lunch and Learn

*Office Hours:
 Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

First Pres on Facebook

Keep up with your church family at www.facebook.com/firstpreswc



Friends ASSOCIATION

for Care & Protection of Children

Our work focuses on families with children, who are the unintended victims of homelessness. Homeless children get sick and go hungry twice as often as other children. They are more prone to depression and anxiety and less likely to do well in school. We help these children and their families cope with the complex problems they face while we guide families to find permanent, affordable housing.

EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER

Our Shelter program combines a private, safe setting and basic necessities with effective, individualized case management services for homeless families with children. We strive to keep parents and children together as they work toward becoming stable and productive in their homes, jobs, and schools.

HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

We help families with children find or maintain safe, permanent housing. Our program balances strong case management services with financial assistance, when needed, for families coming from a shelter or those facing eviction. Our goal is to help families become independent within 12 to 18 months.

OUTREACH TO HOMELESS FAMILIES

The Outreach to Homeless Families program was created to provide immediate help to homeless families that had not had help previously. Families are referred to Friends Association through ConnectPoints and a case manager immediately begins working with families to assist them in accessing emergency benefits, housing coordination and employment assistance.

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