

**JULY 10, 2016**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**



*"Home"* by Simon Damadio



*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.

**C**hildren 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*  
 Marcia Sommers, *Director of Music and Fine Arts*  
 Jane Waddington, *Assistant Organist*  
 Kiki Sumunov, *Youth Reader*  
 Jillie Bruton, *Youth Reader*

*On the cover this morning is an original piece drawn by one our Bucket School students, Simon Damadio.*

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

**SEVENTH 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**

Variations on *Foundation*

arr. James H. Johnson

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

Children of God, do you love the God who hovered over the face of the deep and called the worlds into being?

**Yes, we do love God.**

**So we gather in God’s name.**

Children of God, do you love the God who was revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ?

**Yes, we do love God.**

**So we answer God’s call.**

Children of God, do you love the God who breathes new life into us even as we gather this day?

**Yes, we do love God.**

**So we gather to worship God!**

**\*HYMN #664**

“Morning Has Broken”

Bunessan

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Merciful God,  
 You call us to turn away from behaviors and attitudes that belong to the darkness,  
 to live honest and transparent lives as children of the light.

We confess the times when we have failed,  
 giving in to our darker thoughts and desires;  
 and acting in ways that did not bring honor to Your name.

Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us.  
 Teach us how to live as children of the light.

You call us love one another,  
 to put the needs and interests of those around us above our own;  
 to love others as deeply as we have been loved by you.

We confess the times when we have failed,  
 allowing our own desires and interests to take precedence over the needs of others.

Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us.  
 Teach us how to love as we have been loved.

Give us hunger to know you more,  
 so that we may do Your will  
 and walk in Your ways,  
 to the glory of Your name. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE**

Meineke

“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.”

**\*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.

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**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 19: 13-15      New Testament, Page 21  
*Kiki Sumunov (9:00 a.m.) and Jillie Bruton (10:30 a.m.)*

**WELCOME AND MINISTRY UPDATES**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*As the children are going to their classes, we will sing Hymn #357, st. 1 (Llangloffan)*

“The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth, when you will see my promise:  
salvation come to birth.

My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land, and you will be delivered  
by my almighty hand.”

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

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 139: 1-18      Old Testament, Page 577

**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**      Interfaith Housing Assistance

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**THE OFFERING**

Offertory      “Ain’-A That Good News!”      William Dawson

*“I got a crown up in the Kingdom, ain’t a that good news!  
I’m a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up my cross,  
Gonna take it home to my Jesus, ain’t a that good news!*

*I got a harp up in the Kingdom, ain’t a that good news!  
I got a robe up in the Kingdom, ain’t a that good news!*

*I got a crown up in the Kingdom, ain’t a that good news!  
I got a Saviour in the Kingdom, ain’t a that good news, my Lord!”*

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 #188      “Jesus Loves Me!”

**THIRD SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 18: 1-7      New Testament, Page 19

1 John 3:1a (in unison)

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;  
and that is what we are.”

**SERMON**      “Like a Child: Heirs of the Kingdom”      Dr. Greg Stovell

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*HYMN #547      “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”      Ar Hyd Y Nos

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** “Go Forth Into the World in Peace”      John Rutter

*“Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage; hold fast that which is good,  
render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted, support the weak,  
help the afflicted, honor all people; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost,  
be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.”*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** Trumpeting in B Flat Major      James Melby

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

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The rosebud is to the Glory of God and in honor of  
Benjamin William Myhre, born July 3, 2016, son of Kevin and Kate Myhre,  
grandson of Charlie and Kathie Myhre

The Chancel Flowers are to the Glory of God and are given by  
Ruth Morgan Spencer and Nancy Morgan Ninos, in memory of  
John David Morgan and Agatha Hellenthal.

**Ushers**

9:00 a.m. – Craig Single, *Head Usher*;

10:30 a.m. – Bill Benson, *Head Usher*; Doug and Martha Sherman.

Barbara and Amy Lidle

**Coffee and Flower Deacons today:** Andrea Tweedie and Tracy Gruin

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Special Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary this morning at 10:00 a.m. between worship services. The meeting is for the purpose of electing members of the congregation’s Nominating Committee, as well as a Ruling Elder to fill an unexpired term.**

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MEMBERSHIP**

• **Food, Music, Clowns, Artists, Magicians, Jugglers, & lots of fun!** Bring the whole family downtown and join FPWC on 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:**

- All tickets for the Aug. 9th tour of the United Nations have been sold. A waiting list is being compiled. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please contact Thom & Irene.

- **BUS to NYC—“Day-On-Your-Own,”** Tuesday., August 9. Cost is \$40 for Bus.

- **Penn State vs Temple football game at State College,** Saturday September 17. Bus cost is less than \$40. Football ticket prices range from \$75-\$150, depending on seats.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Thom & Irene ASAP at [psuthom@verizon.net](mailto:psuthom@verizon.net) or call 610-436-5667.

• **Produce Table:** Our produce table is open again on Sundays during the coffee social in Fellowship Hall through September 6. The table is supplied by those who have excess in their gardens. All are invited to share in the fruits of God’s generosity. Bring something to share or take something home. It’s all free.

## 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.

• **On Sunday July 17**, the Summer Choir will be singing Charles Stanford's "*Beati Quorum Via*" (Happy are they whose way is blameless), from Psalm 119:1. If you'd like to join them, meet in the Choir Room at 8:20 Sunday morning.

### SERVICE AND OUTREACH

• **Men of Mission gets a total Makeover! What's New?**

*A New Name: "First Crew".*

*More Diversity:* We welcome **families, women, and men** of all ages to get involved.

*A New Focus:* Our **Church Members** in need of a helping hand and our **Church Mission Partners** who have special projects needs.

*New Projects:* Special needs brought to our attention by the church staff, Deacons or Service and Outreach Committee.

This is a great opportunity for families, women and men! If interested in learning more or wanting to get involved, please contact Jim Serum at [jwserum@verizon.net](mailto:jwserum@verizon.net) or call 610-793-1920.

• **Summer Mission Kick-Off:** Thank you to all who attended the Community BBQ last Sunday kicking off our Roof for Every Child campaign. We are deeply grateful to Wegmans for donating all of the food, beverages, and balloons for the celebration. Their generosity allowed all proceeds collected to go directly toward supporting the five organizations working directly with children experiencing homelessness. Please help First Pres as we work toward our \$50,000 goal. We've received \$5919.00 in cash and pledges so far!

• **Fall Trip to Guatemala:** We are finalizing our team for the fall trip to Getsemani Church in Guatemala November 12-20. If you have considered going and want to explore the option please contact Elizabeth Guman, [ecguman@gmail.com](mailto:ecguman@gmail.com) or 610.308.4017 or Greg Stovell at the church. We have room for a few more travelers and would love to have a few more people who have not made the trip before. If you have expressed interest please follow up with Elizabeth to confirm. Deposits are due to the church office by July 24.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

• **"God On A Mission: A Bible Exploration":**

**9:00 a.m. Sundays July 10, 17, 24 and 31 / 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays July 13, 20 and 27**  
Join pastors Caroline Cupp and Steve Clark as they lead an exploration of biblical texts used in their June sermon series about God's saving mission in the world – and our part in that mission. No registration or book purchase is required. Just bring your Bible and be ready to join the conversation. Both series meet in Herron Lounge.

• **"Mission: Possible / A One-Day VBS Event": 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 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. To register, go to [firstpreswc.com](http://firstpreswc.com), click on *Sign Up*, then the *VBS Sign-Up* link in the drop-down menu. Invite your neighbors to be part of this wonderful day!

• **Summer "Lunch and Learn" series begins this morning, July 10 in Herron Lounge from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.** Come join us as Pastor Greg speaks about his recent study leave experience in Rome. The focus of the conversation will be the state of the mainline church in the USA (including First Pres), compared to the church in Europe. Greg will also present images of some of the unique holy sites found in Italy. The series will continue on Sunday, July 24 with an update on the recently concluded General Assembly held in Portland, OR.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### SUNDAY – July 10

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;  
*God on a Mission* Bible Study; Radio Broadcast on 1520AM; Live web stream  
 10:00am Special Congregational mtg.  
 10:30am Worship; Nursery to age 2  
 11:30am Youth Committee mtg.;  
 Lunch and Learn

#### MONDAY – July 11

7:30am Building and Maintenance  
 9:00am Sr, High Breakfast @ Panera's  
 7:00pm Personnel Committee

#### TUESDAY – July 12

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

#### WEDNESDAY – July 13

NO BRIDGE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7  
 9:00am Sew Many Blessings  
 12:00pm Bulletin deadline  
 7:00pm *God on a Mission* Bible Study

#### THURSDAY – July 14

7:30pm Middle School Hangout (off site)

#### FRIDAY – July 15

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

#### SATURDAY – July 16

#### SUNDAY – July 17

NO 8:00 WORSHIP UNTIL FALL  
 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING  
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
 8:20am Summer Choir Rehearsal  
 8:30am Sunday Social ('til 10:30am)  
 9:00am Worship; Nursery to age 2;  
 JAM age 3-Grade 5;  
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Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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## Ministry Highlight

**Single. Working. Parent.** These words present a daunting challenge to thousands of parents in Chester County, PA, and that number continues to grow. The parents served by Interfaith Housing Assistance typically earn about \$12 - \$15 per hour as home health aides, CNA's, factory, or retail employees. They average two dependent children each. Effectively, they need to earn about twice that amount to maintain the high cost of living in Chester County.

In response to this growing need, IHA provides temporary rental assistance to single parents who work full time to help them avoid homelessness. In addition, they conduct intensive training in budgeting and financial literacy so that the parents in the program can reach financial independence. Mentoring and supportive services are offered to all participating families.



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