

First Presbyterian Church
Morning Worship
September 18, 2016—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.
**Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

PRELUDE	“Three Variations on Dix”	Iteke Prins
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RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: God calls us to be thankful always.
People: It is from God that all blessings flow.
Leader: God calls us to a life of generosity.
People: To give as we have received generously from God.
Leader: Christ is our example.
People: Who lovingly gave his life to redeem sinners.
Leader: Friends, let us joyfully lift our hearts to God in praise!

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 457** “I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to call for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Hear our prayers as we continue in silence....

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Our faith is based not on works or anything we do.
People: God is just and righteous, gracious and merciful, no matter what!
Leader: We are put right with God simply by grace through faith.
People: Let us receive the forgiveness found in Christ.
Leader: Let us live grateful lives of faithfulness and obedience.
People: To God alone be the glory. Amen.

***Gloria Patri 579** GREATOR EX, 1851
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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS
Offering in Music “Morning Has Broken”
Doxology (page 591) 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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Erin Parris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

ANTHEM “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” Gerhardt/Hemy

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in Your light we may see light, in Your truth find freedom, and in Your will discover Your Peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LESSON (page 823/865) Galatians 1:1-12

SERMON “Gospel Preserves” Rev. Thompson

COMMUNION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 510** “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE 540** “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” (v 1)
*God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE
Our gratitude to Martha Bell for her leadership in music this morning.

SERVING TODAY
Nursery/Sunday School Ava Barrett
Children’s Sunday School Rebecca Atkinson, Chris Moore
..... Erin Parris, and Kathy Machado
Elders at Front Door Jay Hayes
Friendship Period Becky Meadema, Kent Shelton,
..... and Gene Hayes
Deacon to Receive Offering John Parris
Officers to Count Offering Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent Gail Davis
Liturgist Jackson Weller
Time for Young Disciples Erin Parris
Sound System Sam Meadema
Flower Ministry Evening Circle
Saturday Lunch Ministry Sep. 24 Kathy Dolianitis, Thor Wright

Praise God for Last Sunday	
Sunday School Attendance-----	50
Tithes & Offerings-----	\$3,189

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Oh, knit my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I am;
Be Thou alone my constant flame.

*The flowers this morning are given
in loving memory of my mother, Sallie Eastwood,
and my husband, G. Price Crowell,
by Ruby Crowell.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS—Kevin Bailey, Anne Banks, Chuck Bolt, Pat Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Nelson R. Clark, Jay Covington (Jean White's nephew), Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Ronnie Dinkle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, R. L. Clifton, W. J. “Buck” Collins, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark's Mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Anne Grier, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson’s sister), Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Jana Johnson Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Malcolm Mallery, Larry Mann, Jake McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alex Mitchell, A. B. Motley, Lee Norman, Greg Nunley, Ken Obye, Richard Russell (Ina Ingram's brother), Ella Ryan, Ethel Sakellaris, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberly, Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman, Ronnie Dinkle, husband to Lynn Dinkle (the day school’s music teacher) passed away Sunday, September 11th. Our sympathies go out to the family.

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Ann Banks, Robert Brooks, Kelvin Gunn, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Diane Shelton, Melva Sweeney, Jean White

Stewardship Season’s Kickoff Dinner and Program is scheduled for September 21 at 6:00 p.m. and will highlight church committees. There is no charge for this dinner and program. Please call the church office at 434.792.7822 or email christy@fpcdanville.com in order to reserve a spot.

Mark your calendars and sign up in Dunglinson-Roberts Hall: **Crop Hunger Walk**, Sunday, October 2nd, at Ballou Park, 3 p.m.



In our continuing effort to ensure timely communication, please contact christy@fpcdanville.com with your **current address, phone number, and email address** if there have been any changes or write these on the Fellowship Pad when signing in.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monday, September 19

9:00 a.m.....Day School
9:30 a.m.....Prayer Group
10:00 a.m.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, September 20

9:00 a.m.....Day School
3:30 p.m.Day Circle Free Clinic Meal
6:15 p.m.Handbells
7:00 p.m.Good News Choir

WEDNESDAY, September 21

9:00 a.m.....Day School
12:15 p.m.Mid-Week Chapel Service
6:00 p.m.Youth
.....Stewardship Season Kickoff
.....Dinner and Program

THURSDAY, September 22

9:00 a.m.....Day School
5:30 p.m.Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, September 23

All DayChurch Office Closed

SATURDAY, September 24

9:30 a.m.Presbytery Women’s
Gathering at Bedford Presbyterian Church
10:45 a.m.Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:15 p.m.Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, September 25

9:45 a.m.Sunday School:
Mid & High School, Rm 112
Bible Fellowship, Library
Outlook Class, Rm 322
Seekers, Rm 109
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 Sun. Sch.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

THE SESSION

2016	2017	2018
Barry Cutright	Tom Barrett	Eddie Blount
Ina Ingram	Brenna Takata	Gene Hayes
Hampton Wilkins	Gary Wimer	Bob Newnam
Thor Wright	David Zook	Joan Reynolds

THE DIACONATE

2016	2017	2018
Marie-Louise Crane	David Parris	Ava Barrett
Susan Mathena	Mike Reynolds	Harriet Beale
John Parris	Kent Shelton	Kathy Dolianitis
	Becky Meadema	David Swann

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Celebrating 185 Years of Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

Welcome

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting,

We warmly welcome you to our service today and invite you to join us for refreshments after the service in Dunglinson-Roberts Hall.