## Morning Worship—September 24, 2017

16th 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 "Toccata" Gordon Young

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our refuge and strength.

People: God is a very present help in times of trouble.

Leader: God is our good Shepherd.

People: With us in the valleys of the shadow of death.

Leader: God is our sure foundation. *People: Against all the storms of life.* Leader: Let us joyfully worship God.

### \*HYMN OF WORSHIP 403

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we have sinned against You in though, word, and deed. We know that Your grace, as shown in the gift of Jesus Christ, can make us whole, so we ask You to forgive us through Him once more that we may glorify You in all we do. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

People: He bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

Leader: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us;.

People: Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Leader: Believe in the good news of the gospel. *People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!* 

Gloria Patri (579) GREATOREX, 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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Gerald Anderson
Doxology 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

Joyce Perez

### **SPECIAL OFFERING MINUTE**

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 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** 

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

arr. D. Hustad

### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in You are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of Your word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of Your wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**LESSONS** (page 764/803) John 15:8-17

**SERMON** "Fruits and Friends" Rev. Allen Thompson

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal Pg. 14)

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 WORSHIP 321

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

BENEDICTION 540, stanza 1

"God Be With You Till We Met Again"

POSTLUDE "Allegro" by Thomas Arne



### **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— Martha Bell, Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller's grandmother), Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Ken Brewer, Bill Brown, Mary Bray (Jarrod Brown's Aunt), Claire Campbell, John Cao, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Charles & Lib Cuttle, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Dianne East, Marilyn East, Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson's sister), Tim Hooker, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Bill Lorimer, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Rhoda Neal, Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Nancy Poindexter (Jarrod Brown's aunt), Judy Poythress (Mike Reynolds' sister), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry, Tom West

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Kelvin Gunn, Mike Lewis (Tom and Ava Barrett's son-in-law), Grace Litzenberg, Erica Mann, Archer McIntire, Lee Norman, Mack Williams, John Rodgers (Jackson Weller's Uncle), Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman

Join us for our Family Night Suppers beginning October 4th. Sign up in the juice room or call the church office. Price is \$6 per person/Children 10 & under free. We will be having meatloaf, creamed potatoes, veggie

crunch, salad, rolls, & pumpkin cake.

Plan to attend services Oct. 8th as we will have a congregational meeting to vote on our new slate of officers.



We will be collecting a special offering for the recent hurricane victims Sunday October 1, which we will send to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please come prepared to give as the Lord leads.

# SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School Harriet Beale

Children's Sunday School Rebecca Atkinson/Chris Moore

Wednesday Family

SUPPER

Sara Weller/Jennifer Stowe

Elders at Front Door Beale

K. Dolianitis/B.Wilson Friendship Period

Deacon to Receive Offering Jarrod Brown Team Barrett Officers to Count Offering Gail Davis Church School Superintendent Joyce Perez Liturgist Time for Young Disciples Joyce Perez Sound System Sam Meadema

Ushers Team 4

Flower Ministry **Evening Circle** Weekend Custodian Ron Tanner

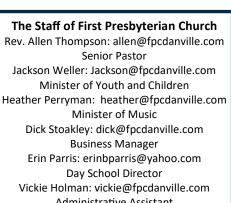
Childcare Specialists Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler Saturday Lunch Ministry Sept. 30 J. Perez/Outlook Class

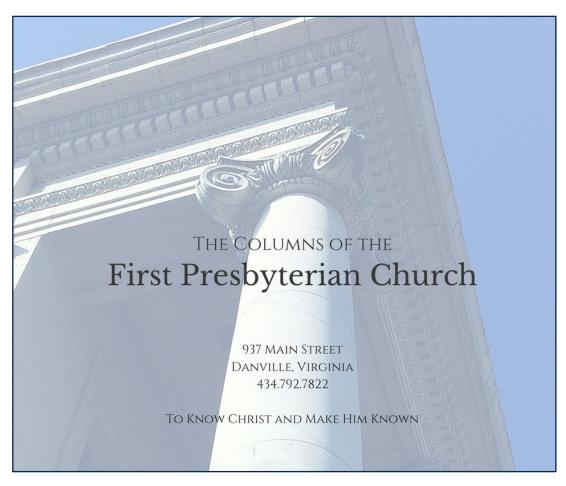




SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Administrative Assistant





## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

## MONDAY, September 25

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 4:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Membership Mtg.

## TUESDAY, September 26

5:15 p.m. Handbells

# WEDNESDAY, September 27

6:00 p.m. Youth

## THURSDAY, September 28

Chancel Choir 5:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, September 29

All Day Church Office Closed

# SATURDAY, September 30

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study 11:15 a.m. Lunch Ministry

## SUNDAY, October 1

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday School:

Mid & High School, Rm 112 Outlook Class, Rm 322 Bible Fellowship, Library

Seekers, Rm 109

11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS