

LITURGY OF BLESSING

(Supervisor) Today we say goodbye to Sarah Wilson and give thanks to God for the mutual ministry we have shared this summer. Let us pray together in thanksgiving for our mutual ministry.

Gracious God, we praise and bless you for those whom you have called to preach and teach the gospel and to serve you in community. We thank you for calling this congregation to share in the ministry of education as a teaching congregation.

(Mentors) God of grace, we thank you for the gifts of Christian ministry given to Sarah. We celebrate the time she has worked among us. Give her a tender heart to care for others, and a tough mind to wrestle with your Word, so that, as she speaks and acts for you, people may know your goodness, your love and live in peace with one another.

(Intern) Most gracious God, for the opportunity to walk and learn with your people at First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, I give you thanks and praise. Bless the ministries that you are working through them and empower them for greater service by the grace of your Spirit.

By your will, O God, we go out into the world with good news of your love. Today, we pray for Sarah and her continued journey of theological education. May she be strengthened by our support and encouraged by our prayers. Amen.

✠ **HYMN 541** - *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

RANDOLPH

✠ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (9:30) - *Allegro*

William Walond

Lisa Rzepka, Transitional Pastor

Heather Shortlidge, Associate Pastor / Sarah Wilson, Seminary Intern

Bob Muckenfuss, Music Director & Organist / Miss Good, Family Ministry Director

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First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland **August 18, 2019 – 8:00 & 9:30 am Worship** **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**



PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Minute for Food Drive

(Pass the greeter pad down the pew and back.)

PRELUDE (9:30) - *Adagio*

John Bennett

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In Christ, the God of Heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

and be warmed by the fire of love.

Come, let us worship God together.

✠ **HYMN 772** - *Live Into Hope*

TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you.

We have made idols of possessions and people

and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes.

We have permitted our schedules to come first

and have not taken the time to worship you.

We have not always honored those who guided us in life.

We have participated in systems that take life instead of giving it.

We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.

We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,

and we have misrepresented others' intentions.

Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory.

Help us to learn to live together according to your ways

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE - *Don't Be Afraid*

Iona Community

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear. Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised, promised to be always near.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN (9:30)

(Red wagon at 8:00 am. Nursery at 9:30 am, infants-age 4. Discovery at 9:30 am, pre-k to 1st grade, pick-up on 3rd floor. Older children remain in worship.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Philippians 4:11-13

SOLO (9:30) - *Vocalise*, Rachel Hagee, cellist

Sergei Rachmaninoff

SECOND SCRIPTURE - 1 Kings 21

The word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON - "10 Promises of God: Contentment"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✠ **HYMN 623** - *I've Got Peace Like a River*

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Concluding with the Lord's Prayer using "debts" and "debtors," *Hymnal*, page 35.)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY (9:30) - *Fantasie*, Allison Hagee, flutist

Gabriel Fauré

✠ **DOXOLOGY: Hymn 607**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

✠ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God,

we marvel at your lavish gifts to us: life and breath, food and shelter,

opportunities for work and play, and, most especially, hope and peace in Christ.

We now pledge ourselves to mirror and reflect the glory of your self-giving love

to continue in the pattern of generosity we see perfectly revealed in Christ,

through whom we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & BIBLES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS. SANCTUARY EQUIPPED WITH A T-LOOP; SET HEARING AID TO "T" POSITION.

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - **Preacher:** Sarah Wilson; **Liturgists:** David Hancock (8:00), Deborah Dixon (9:30), Heather Shortlidge (both); **Time with Children:** Sarah Wilson (9:30); **Ushers:** John & Kate Rogers, Susan Gross (9:30); **Discovery:** Kelly & Chris Friends (9:30); **Nursery:** Ken Kniss (9:30); **Minute:** Cathy Starnes (8:00), Susan Gross (9:30).

STAFF NEWS - Lisa Rzepka is on vacation today. Thank you to Dottie LaPenta for providing pastoral care while Lisa and Heather have been away. Dottie Ballard, business manager, is away August 22 & 26. Al Johnson is on vacation August 23-26.

BRING FLOWERS - from your garden to our sanctuary. The Worship Committee will not supply flowers until September. To give small bouquets, contact dianna@diannayoung.com. Thank you to all who have provided!

BAPTISM - If interested in baptism on September 15, contact the pastor.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Through Labor Day weekend, join us for worship each Sunday at 8:00 am in the courtyard and 9:30 in the sanctuary. Nursery care for infants through 4 year olds is at 9:30 am. After the Time with Children message, children pre-k to 1st grade may attend Discovery. All children may remain in worship. The red wagon is available at 8:00 am and activity bags at 9:30.

August 25 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Rzepka will preach "Spiritual Lenses" from Isaiah 9:1-7. Linda Barbour and Alison Whitacre, soloists. Update from the PNC.

NOTE: Allow extra time to locate parking due to the Annapolis 10-Miler.

September 1 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Shortlidge will preach from Psalm 23 and Luke 14:1[2-6], 7-14 on a theme of table and banquet. Communion will be served and Stephanie Reuer will offer a solo.

BLACKSHEAR FAREWELL TODAY - Friends are cordially invited to the home of Chris West, 2:00-4:00 pm, to wish Dave & Sue farewell. Contact Bob Foye for questions (410.703.0134).

ACT GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION RESEARCH ACTION TEAM - Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 pm, Asbury Broadneck UMC, 657 Broadneck Road, Annapolis.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - Bring your cat, dog, bird, fish, hamster, reptile, etc. on Sunday, August 25, to the courtyard, after the 8:00 am worship, for your animal to be blessed.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE LIGHT HOUSE - through August. We have collected 70 bags! If you brought a bag today, leave it in the narthex before entering today's service. Volunteers will take the bags to the shelter. There is one more week to contribute! Or, donate by check (payable to FPC, memo line "food drive") or online (www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/GIVE, under Mission Related, "Lighthouse"). Contact Susan Gross, sscg144.Outreach@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST - Prayerfully consider a birthday gift to the Endowment Fund of one dollar for each year of age. Use the blue pew envelopes, put an annotated check in the plate, or give online. Gifts may be in honor or memory of a cherished family member or saint of the church. We also encourage our children and youth to participate in this ministry.

FAMILY MINISTRY: SEPTEMBER 8 - Sunday school will resume during the 9:30 hour for children, youth and adults. In worship, hear the youth share about summer trip experiences to the Czech Republic and Triennium at the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

HAITI REFORESTATION - You are invited to the state-side celebration at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, NC, on September 14 to mark the 30th anniversary of CODEP. Contact Martha Johnson or visit www.HaitiReforest.org. On September 4, an online, contemporary international art auction by Halsey Hathaway to benefit Haiti goes live (www.Paddle8.com).

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SUPPORT CONNECT RWANDA - Purchase fair trade Gorilla Coffee during the summer! Purchasing is self-serve from our Volunteer Office; place payment in the door slot of the church office (Sharon's office). Payable to "Connect Rwanda" (per bag \$13), all donations support our mission of collaborating and increasing technology use with teachers in Rwanda. Thank you!

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER ONE SUNDAY PER MONTH - to sit in the balcony, press the video recorder on and then off at either worship service, and record the pastor's sermon? If so, email Doug Smith, Communications Elder (doug@5revell.com / 410.279.8603). Very easy and allows those who are unable to be in worship to still "see" the sermon.

LOSS OF SPOUSE WORKSHOP - September 22, 2:00-4:30 pm, Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Annapolis, free. Designed to help those grieving the loss of a spouse, video containing interviews with professional counselors and experts, followed by a facilitated discussion. RSVP online (<https://www.griefshare.org/loss/events/1735>).



FPC MISSION STATEMENT: WE ARE CALLED TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD. Micah 6:8

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Church	Community			
Sun 8/18	AUGUST FOOD DRIVE				
	8:00	Worship (courtyard)			
	9:30	Worship (sanctuary)			
		9:30	CPT (chapel)		
Mon 8/19		12:00	Noon AA (FH)		
		7:15	ACOA (Music)		
		8:00	Monday Night AA (FH)		
Tues 8/20	6:15	Staff Committee (KC1a)	12:00	Noon AA (FH)	
	7:00	Trustees (KC4a)			
	7:00	PNC (KC1a)			
	7:00	Youth Ministry Council (youth room)			
Wed 8/21	9:30	CLAMS (Panera's)			
	10:30	Program Staff (KC1a)			
	12:00	Staff (KC1a)	12:00	Noon AA (FH)	
	4:00	Bible Study (KC1a)			
	7:00	Worship (KC4a)	7:00	Ward 1 (FH)	
Thurs 8/22	SARAH WILSON DEPARTS				
	9:00	Staff Committee (KC1a)	12:00	Noon AA (FH)	
	3:00	Staff Committee (KC1a)			
	5:00	Family Ministry Meeting (Resource)			
Fri 8/23	OFFICE CLOSED - Fridays in Summer			12:00	Noon AA (FH)
				8:00	Evening AA (FH)
Sun 8/25	LAST SUNDAY OF AUGUST FOOD DRIVE				
	8:00	Worship (courtyard)	7:00	A-10 Footrace (downtown)	
	8:45	Blessing of the Animals (courtyard)			
	9:30	Worship (sanctuary)	9:30	CPT (chapel)	
Sun 9/8	RETURN TO REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE (8:30 AND 11:00 AM)				