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SANCTUARY EQUIPPED WITH A T-LOOP; SET HEARING AID TO "T" POSITION.**

The Call to Worship is from *Flames of the Spirit* by Ruth Duck.

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - **Preacher:** Lisa Rzepka; **Liturgists:** Sarah Wilson, David Hancock (8:00), Linda Hanifin Bonner (9:30); **Time with Children:** Miss Good (9:30); **Ushers:** Dave, Cynthia, Alex & Chris Goshorn (9:30); **Discovery:** Miss Good (9:30); **PNC Minute:** Helen Krone (8:00), Brad Olson (9:30).

THANK YOU SARAH WILSON - for her assistance today with the Blessing of the Animals.

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS - to Rob & Sherrie Smith on the death of Sherrie's mother, Phyllis Burton, who died August 14. A memorial service will be held in NJ.

STAFF NEWS - Dottie Ballard is out of the office on Monday. Al Johnson returns from vacation on Tuesday. Miss Good is on vacation August 27-September 1.

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

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

September 1 - Last Sunday of Summer Schedule; Labor Day Weekend

Communion will be served and Stephanie Reuer will offer a solo. This Sunday concludes our summer worship schedule at 8:00 am in the courtyard and at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.

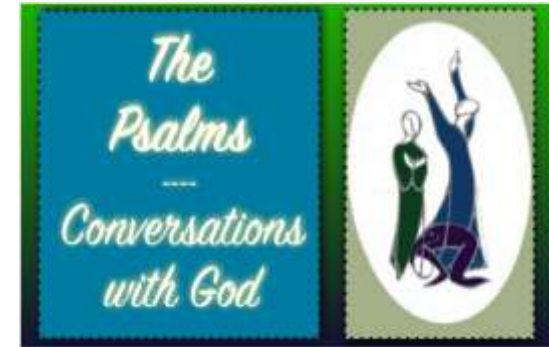
September 8 - First Sunday of Program Schedule: Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am in the Sanctuary, Education Hour at 9:30 am, Coffee Hour at 10:30 am

Today ushers in the 2019-2020 program year with our regular Sunday morning offerings of worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary, Education Hour for all ages at 9:30 am, and Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the deacons. Join us!

Wednesday, September 11 - Taizé Worship, Sanctuary, 7:30 pm

A service of prayer, scripture and chant cohosted with St. Mary's Parish. Location alternates between FPC sanctuary and that of St. John Neumann. The 2019-2020 calendar is online and in the September Newsletter.

First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland *August 25, 2019 – 8:00 & 9:30 am Worship*



PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE (9:30) - *Fantasia*

Johann Krieger

NOTICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Minute for Pastor Nominating Committee

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

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.

God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

Fill us with your goodness, O God.

Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world

that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us. Amen.

✠ **HYMN 267** - *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

Luke 9:52-55

Christ Jesus did not call down destruction upon those who rejected him.

How much more will he show mercy to those who seek forgiveness.

In faith, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life.
Forgive us when we allow selfish ambition to make us willing to harm others.
Forgive us when we refuse to follow the light you give us.
Shine in our lives through the light of your Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The radiance of God draws us in and casts away our shadows.
Holiness came in Jesus, the Christ, to grant us love and mercy.
Glory be to God! Amen.

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

Your word, O God, is a feast all its own.
Let your Holy Spirit open our minds to your call to listen,
for we know your holy Word heals and reconciles your people.
Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Psalm 23

DUET (9:30) - *The Gift of Love*, Linda Barbour, Alison Whitacre, soloists arr. Hal Hopson

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Psalm 77

The word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON

"Comfort and Refusing to be Comforted"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 781** - *Hear My Cry, O God, and Save Me!*

GENEVAN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Filled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts with gladness.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY (9:30) - *We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus*

Dietrich Buxtehude

✦ **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**

God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth,
which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy.
Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church.
In peace, we pray our thanksgiving.
Amen.

✦ **HYMN 53** - *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

NOEL

✦ **BLESSING**

May God, who searches the heart,
Jesus, whose love overcomes all division,
and the Spirit, which helps us in our weakness,
continue to lead you into life
that you may serve with joy. Amen.

POSTLUDE (9:30) - *Vivace*

William Boyce

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | Church | Community |
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| 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) |
| Mon 8/26 | 12:00 | Noon AA (FH) |
| | 7:15 | ACOA (Music) |
| | 8:00 | Monday Night AA (FH) |
| Tues 8/27 | 10:00 | Stewardship (The Conduit) 12:00 Noon AA (FH) |
| | 7:00 | PNC (KC1a) |
| | 7:00 | Session (KC4a) 7:00 AA Board (KC5a) |
| Wed 8/28 | 12:00 | Staff (KC1a) 12:00 Noon AA (FH) |
| | 4:00 | Bible Study (KC1a) |
| | 6:30 | Stewardship (KC1a) 7:00 Ward 1 (FH) |
| Thurs 8/29 | 12:00 | Noon AA (FH) |
| Fri 8/30 | OFFICE CLOSED - Fridays in Summer | |
| | 12:00 | Noon AA (FH) |
| Sat 9/1 | 8:00 | Evening AA (FH) |
| Sun 9/2 | LABOR DAY WEEKEND; LAST SUNDAY OF SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE | |
| | 8:00 | Worship (courtyard) |
| | 9:30 | Worship (sanctuary) 9:30 CPT (chapel) |

Lisa Rzepka, Transitional Pastor

Heather Shortlidge, Associate Pastor

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ADOPTS A NEW APPROACH TO STEWARDSHIP & PLANNED GIVING

The FPC Session has approved the "Generosity Initiative" as a new approach replacing the fall stewardship campaign. In collaboration with the Planned Giving & Memorials Committee, the Stewardship & Finance Committee will be presenting the Generosity Initiative during **Listening Sessions in Fellowship Hall immediately following services on September 8 at 10:30 am and 12:00 pm and September 15 at 12:00 pm**. The purpose of the Listening Sessions is to explain the church's current financial picture, the background information that has led to the adoption of this new approach, and the improvements we can expect from the Generosity Initiative.

The mission of the Generosity Initiative is to encourage all of us to consider consistent giving throughout the year in order to maintain and increase the financial strength of the church.

The goals for the Generosity Initiative include the following:

- Communicate to the congregation the changes that have taken place in our membership, the resulting impact on our financial position, and the outlook using the Generosity Initiative for the years ahead as we grow and serve local and distant communities;
- Communicate the basic elements of the Generosity Initiative that will allow us to establish a sustainable financial position now and into the future;
- Ensure needed financial resources are in place to fund the congregation's priorities for 2020 and beyond;
- Increase awareness within FPC and in the communities we serve of our significant youth program, spiritual ministry and mission work;
- Implement an outreach program that maintains existing members and attracts new families;
- Build commitment and support in the congregation to encourage members to increase their active participation and financial support of the FPC programs; and,
- Increase awareness of the FPC Planned Giving and Memorial program as a meaningful opportunity to provide ongoing support of FPC's mission.

Please join us at the Listening Sessions on September 8 and 15 to learn more about the Generosity Initiative and provide suggestions for the success of this program. For more information, contact Dave Heimann (dJheimann@gmail.com), Linda Hanifin Bonner (lhbonner@hanifin.com), or Doug Smith (doug@5revell.com).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAIZÉ PRAYER 2019-20

A simple, ecumenical, Scripture-based form of contemplative prayer service
Offered jointly by First Presbyterian of Annapolis & St. Mary's Catholic Church.



*"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."
- John 15:5 -*

Schedule

2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:30-8:20 pm

Sept. 11 - First Presbyterian
October 9 - St. John Neumann
November 13 - First Presbyterian
December 11 - St. John Neumann
January 8 - First Presbyterian

February 12 - St. John Neumann
March 11 - First Presbyterian
April 8 - St. John Neumann
May 13 - First Presbyterian

Locations

- Sanctuary, First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, 171 Duke of Gloucester St. (corner of Duke & Conduit Streets; parking available at the Hillman Garage)
- Chapel, St. John Neumann Church, 620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PREFER THE BALCONY? Each Sunday, one volunteer is needed to press the video recorder on and off at either 8:00 or 9:30 am and record the sermon. Email Doug Smith, Communications Elder (doug@5revell.com / 410.279.8603) to help one Sunday per month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED - Family Ministry needs teachers and shepherds for the upcoming year. No experience necessary -- just a desire to build relationships and support the faith development of the youngest members of our church family. Persons of all ages are encouraged to get involved. Training and support provided! Commit to the number of Sundays and dates that work best for you. Contact Miss (301.370.1791).

SUNDAY SCHOOL - resumes September 8 at 9:30 am for children, youth and adults.

MEMBERSHIP - On September 8, attend a "Come & Consider" class at 12:10 pm in the Library Parlor. No RSVP necessary, children welcome. This is a brief, 20-minute conversation with the Membership Chair about the membership process at First Presbyterian Church. The Fall New Members Class will be offered Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20. Contact Bruce Bell (brucebell123@gmail.com) for information.

HAITI - 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).

GRIEF - A free, one-day workshop, September 22, 2:00-4:30 pm, Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Annapolis. 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>).

TO RECEIVE THE PASTOR'S WEEKLY CONGREGATIONAL EMAIL - or the monthly newsletter, complete the short form online (<https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/congregational-email>) and look for a verification email in your inbox!



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