

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 30, 2018  
10:30 a.m.*

*Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.*

**PREPARATION:** *The following are the lectionary scriptures for this morning: Psalm 124 (Pew Bible page 498) We have escaped from a trap; our help is in the name of the Lord. Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 (Pew Bible pages 390-391) Queen Esther uses her influence to save her people from death. James 5:13-20 (Pew Bible page 983) Pray for one another; faithful prayer brings healing and forgiveness. Mark 9:38-50 (Pew Bible pages 821-822) The disciples find someone else casting out demons in Jesus' name.*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** *Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**THE GATHERING**

**BELL PEAL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
GREETING**

**PRELUDE** "Ayre" Telemann

**INTROIT (Hymn #483)** "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" Mit Freuden zart

**ALL:** Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation.  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**LEADER:** We come from full and empty lives, searching for God who gives meaning and purpose.

**PEOPLE:** **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**LEADER:** We leave work finished and undone, remembering God's rest of the seventh day.

**PEOPLE:** **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**LEADER:** We gather to worship God, who comforts us in sorrow and heals us in pain.

**PEOPLE:** **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
**ALL:** **Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN #264** "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" Engelberg

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, today we confess our pride. We confess our desire to choose who should know you and who should not. We confess the ways we have looked down upon those who do not worship just as we do. We confess our inclination to exclude some from being a part of our community. Father, forgive us. We have not loved as you love – extending love and grace to all. Give us hearts that desire for all mankind to know you. Give us boldness and humility as we share your love with all we meet.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**LEADER:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**PEOPLE:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)** "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."

**CHILDREN'S LESSON**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE READING** James 5:13-20 (Pew Bible page 983)

*The Word of the Lord!*  
**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM** "Prayer to the Trinity" Bedford

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 9:38-50 (Pew Bible pages 821-822)

*The Gospel of the Lord!*  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**SERMON** "Tough Talk" Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor

**\*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.

**THE RESPONSE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

“Variation on TERRA BEATA”

Lovelace

**\*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591)** “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Christ, all people here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.”

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE SENDING**

**\*HYMN #602**

“Song of Zechariah”

Merle's Tune

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Prelude in e minor”

J. S. Bach

*For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going out into the world. Others prefer to remain seated and listen. Those departing during the Postlude can help those who listen by softening their joyful greeting of others.*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Church Attendance on September 23, 2018 - Worship Café 32; Traditional 89*

*Is God in your will?*

**NEXT SUNDAY, October 7, 2018 will be the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (World Communion Sunday).** *The lectionary scriptures will be: Psalm 26 (Pew Bible page 437) Vindicate me, O Lord; I have trusted you and walked in integrity. Job 1:1; 2:1-10 (Pew Bible pages 392-393) Satan begins a contest with the Lord, testing Job's faithfulness. Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 (Pew Bible pages 970-971) God speaks to us by a Son, made lower than the angels. Mark 10:2-16 (Pew Bible page 822) Jesus responds to a question on divorce and blesses little children.*

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We are delighted to have you with us today! We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and light refreshments immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in Hager Hall. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the sound booth. Should your hearing device not work properly; please notify the sound technician for a replacement.

**HAVE CHILDREN?** A professionally staffed nursery is available for children age 3 and younger off the courtyard next to the Highlander Room. Coloring pages for children to use in worship are also available. Contact an usher for information on both. During the 10:30 a.m. service, children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come forward during the Children's Lesson in worship and leave afterward for their class.

**NEW TO FIRST CHURCH?** Thank you for being our guest today! We would like to offer you as a gift one of our Blue Welcome Bags. They are found at the front after worship today. Pastor David will be nearby. He hopes you will introduce yourself to him before you leave. Thank you again for joining us today. We are happy to share our love of Jesus Christ with you.

**LIKE TO KNOW MORE?** For more information about First Church, its ministry and mission, and how you can learn and grow with us, you can see the announcements in this bulletin, go to our website ([www.fpcdunedin.org](http://www.fpcdunedin.org)), where we post our monthly newsletter, *The Voice*, find us on Facebook or contact the church office. We also invite you to fill out the Friendship Register you will find near your seat and share as much contact information as you would like. We are glad you are here!

**FIRST FRIENDS PRESCHOOL OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUNEDIN** offers Christian based curriculum for ages 1-5 and the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program. Call 727-733-2111 for more information. Visit the website at [www.firstfriendspreschool.net](http://www.firstfriendspreschool.net) or like us on Facebook @ First Friends Preschool – Dunedin Florida.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.** A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, October 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for the purpose of considering the following resolution: RESOLVED, that First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, Inc., a Florida non-profit corporation, authorize the Trustees of the Corporation to execute the sale of 612 and 612½ Highland Avenue, Dunedin, Florida, as allowed by church bylaws.

**FIRST SAMARITANS** Do you remember the story of the Good Samaritan as told in Luke 10? Do you remember that Jesus defined “neighbor” as a person in need whom we should treat kindly? Would you like an opportunity to treat your neighbor Presbyterians kindly? If so, come to our meeting tomorrow night, October 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the FPC Library. We will be happy to give you names of First Presbyterians who need to be “treated kindly.” We call on members and friends who are sick, shut in, bereaved or lonely. We need you and they need you! Please come tomorrow night with a willingness to serve. Call Welch Agnew at (727) 459-1766, or Mary Walthall at (727) 733-4609 for more information. Or just show up at 6 p.m.

**DISCOVER PARADISE** in Pinellas County, Saturday, October 6 – Walking Tour and Wildflower Festival – Brooker Creek Preserve from 8 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. In conjunction with our study of the Ecology of Creation, the Dialogues study group will be sponsoring monthly fieldtrips to local areas of interest to our local environment. Our October event will be a trip to Brooker Creek Preserve during its Annual Wildflower Festival, Saturday, October 6. Friend of our church and fellow nature enthusiast, Evan Earle, has graciously offered his services as a tour guide to members of FPC, Dunedin. The tour and Festival are free and open to all members of First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin. We will meet at 7:15 a.m. in the church parking lot on October 6 in order to arrive at Brooker Creek in time for an early morning walking tour of the preserve. At the end of the tour, we will be free to participate in the Wildflower Festival activities and workshops. We will return to the church at 1:00 p.m. Food is available at the Festival, but you will need to bring a water bottle and comfortable shoes for the nature walk. There will be a sign-up sheet in Hager Hall between services for the next two Sundays. Deadline for sign-up is Wednesday, October 3.

**DID YOU KNOW???** The Mission Committee has a bin in Hager Hall (shaped like a house) where you can put your gently used clothing (any size) or small household goods that you are no longer using. These donations are given to HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program in Clearwater) for folks who are in need.

**CALLING ALL ELDERS!** We have implemented a new electronic tool to use as an easy way to sign up as a Communion Server. Using the online “Sign Up Genius” you can plan ahead and claim your spot. It’s even easier now with the “button” that has been added to our website ([www.fpcdunedin.org](http://www.fpcdunedin.org)). Check it out in the Members section (Member Links). Questions? Contact Katherine Calhoon (408.406.4422 or [kwebbcal@gmail.com](mailto:kwebbcal@gmail.com)).

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** This year’s event is slated for Sunday, October 14 at 3 p.m. in the shaded area of the parking lot. Bring your pet, or a picture of your pet, to receive a special blessing! All beings, and their people are welcome. For everyone’s safety we respectfully request that your pet is on a leash or in a carrier. This year’s sponsored animal care provider is Operation SNIP (Spay and Neuter in Pinellas). Donations will be accepted, both monetary or supplies. Their wish list includes: bleach, towels, blankets, cleaner, paper towels, cotton balls, tissues, laundry detergent, Dawn dish soap, and peroxide. Volunteers would be most welcome. Contact Katherine Calhoon (408-406-4422) or email: [kwebbcal@gmail.com](mailto:kwebbcal@gmail.com).

**SPEAKERS’ BUREAU EVENT – TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CLEARWATER** Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Dr. Leanna Van Dyk, President of Columbia Theological Seminary – “What About Other Faiths?” This event is free, and lunch will be provided. To register go to [www.trinityclearwater.com/currentevents](http://www.trinityclearwater.com/currentevents).

**ONE LAST BIRTHDAY PARTY – TODAY!** Starting with last September, my wife and I have had a wonderful year inviting everyone into our home to celebrate birthdays! We’re doing it one last time. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the August gathering due to the death of my mother. Therefore, we would like to invite all of the August birthdays in the congregation, with their families, as well as anyone else in the congregation who was not able to attend during their previous birthday month, to our home on this afternoon from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (1021 Milwaukee Ave., Dunedin) to celebrate your day. We hope to see you there.

**VIDEO CLUB** The Video Club will meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3 at Greek City Restaurant. We will meet in the library at approximately 7:00 to watch the first half of *The Legend of Bagger Vance*.

**THE SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR** will be hosted by the Fellowship and Hospitality Committee. This active committee might be best known as our “Party Committee.” They coordinate and assist with the weekly Fellowship Hour, plan our All Church Picnic, plan Trunk or Treat in our parking lot, plan the Fall Potluck & Vespers, and sponsor the Supper Club. Please join them in Hager Hall at 11:30 a.m. during the month of September for light refreshments and lively conversation!

**THE VOICE** our church newsletter and the church calendar are available on the church website. Limited copies will be available in Hager Hall and in the office for those in the congregation without email.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** - the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Family and friends of Helen Fisk who died September 20*
- *Calvin Current following hip replacement surgery*
- Florence Gowrie following surgery on her hand
- Dana Garlick at home following surgery
- Liz Bailey undergoing radiation treatments

For continued healing: Sally King, Richard Garlick, Joyce Swan, Matthew Lanier, John Willmarth, Beth Hoffer, Debby Womack, Herbert Russcol, Billie Cooper

**PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

HEAD USHER: Paul Stone

LITURGIST: Donnie Hanson

SOUND TECHNICIANS: Carin Gow and Jeff Cockrell

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY**

Donnie Hanson in memory of Alissa Martin, beloved niece of Donnie Hanson and Tina Hemme

**TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES**

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café

9:00 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Searcher Sunday School Class – Eric Houghton

9:30 a.m. – Foundation Sunday School Class

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship

10:50 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

12:15 p.m. – Kitchen Summit

1:30 p.m. – Birthday Celebration at the Shelors

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Monday (1 <sup>st</sup> )	6:00 p.m.	First Samaritans
	6:30 p.m.	Property Committee
Tuesday (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	AA
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Wednesday (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	11:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class
	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
Thursday (4 <sup>th</sup> )	11:00 a.m.	OA
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	NA
Friday (5 <sup>th</sup> )	6:30 p.m.	AA
Saturday (6 <sup>th</sup> )	7:15 a.m.	Discover Paradise Event
	7:00 p.m.	AA