

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 9, 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 125 (Pew Bible pages 498-499) Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, abiding forever. Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (Pew Bible page 527) A good name is more valuable than wealth; seek justice for the poor. James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17 (Pew Bible page 981) Care for those who are in need; without good works, faith is dead. Mark 7:24-37 (Pew Bible page 819) Jesus heals a Gentile woman's daughter and a man who cannot speak.*

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	“Air” from “Water Music”	Handel
INTROIT (Hymn #481)	“Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show”	Llanfair
ALL: Praise the Lord, God’s glories show, Alleluia!		
Saints within God’s courts below, Alleluia!		
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!		
All that see and share God’s love, Alleluia!		
OPENING SENTENCES		
LEADER:	Be rich in faith, says the God who gives us life.	
PEOPLE:	We trust in God, who is faithful to us.	
LEADER:	Be strong in spirit, says the God who carries us through life.	
PEOPLE:	We trust in God, who surrounds us with love.	
LEADER:	Be generous to one another, says the God of abundant grace.	
PEOPLE:	We trust in God, who is the giver of every good gift.	
Praise the Lord!		
*HYMN #451	“Ye Watchers, and Ye Holy Ones”	Lasst uns erfreuen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (Pew Bible page 527)	
The Word of the Lord!	
Thanks be to God!	
ANTHEM	“Sing Praise to Christ”
J. S. Bach	
GOSPEL READING	
Mark 7:24-37 (Pew Bible page 819)	
This is the Gospel of the Lord!	
Praise to You, O Christ!	
SERMON	“The Perfect Student”
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.	

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus, you taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We admit that we often think we are better than others. We tease people who wear old clothes. We ignore people who live in run-down houses. We boast about our accomplishments. We even say unkind things about others, so that they look worse and we look better. Jesus, forgive us and teach us again. Help us to be kind to other, as you want us to be. *(silent confession)*

***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

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THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Adagio”

Franck

***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 #538

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Sicilian Mariners

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Psalm XIX”

Marcello

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.*

NEXT SUNDAY, September 16, 2018 will be the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. *The lectionary scriptures will be: Psalm 19 (Pew Bible page 433) The heavens declare God’s glory; the law of the Lord is good. Proverbs 1:20-33 (Pew Bible pages 509-510) Wisdom cries out in the street; Ignore my word at your peril. James 3:1-12 (Pew Bible pages 981-982) Words have the power to bless and curse; use them wisely. Mark 8:27-38 (Pew Bible page 820) Jesus says: You must take up the cross if you want to follow me.*

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Paul Stone, Dusty ByRoade, Jeff Cockrell, Paul Burks

LITURGIST: Cheryl Small

SOUND TECHNICIANS: Carin Gow and Jeff Cockrell

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

Allen and Betty Arnold in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary

Iris Poppler in memory of Orville and in celebration of our family and church friends

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 5th 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), 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 or like us on Facebook @ First Friends Preschool – Dunedin Florida.

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

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (10 th)	6:00 p.m.	Scout Open House
Tuesday (11 th)	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship and Hospitality
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Wednesday (12 th)	7:00 p.m.	AA
	11:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class
	1:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
Thursday (13 th)	11:00 a.m.	OA
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Music
	6:30 p.m.	Property Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 a.m.	NA
Friday (14 th)	6:30 p.m.	AA
Saturday (15 th)	VOICE ARTICLES (FOR OCTOBER) DEADLINE	
	7:00 p.m.	AA

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.)

- 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME JOIN US TODAY at the Fellowship Hour in celebrating the 60th anniversary of Betty and Allen Arnold. There will be punch and lots of goodies. Please come congratulate this lovely couple, who provide us with beautiful sanctuary flowers each week. A basket will be available for cards.

THE VIDEO CLUB will meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12 at Chatterbox Restaurant. We will meet in the library at approximately 7:00 to watch the first half of *The Leisure Seeker*.

SANCTUARY PAINTING SCHEDULE The interior sanctuary painting is scheduled for September 17-22. The sanctuary will be unavailable those days. Should the project run long, the sanctuary will be available for worship on Sunday, September 23, but then unavailable for any remaining days the following week.

DIALOGUES: A SMALL GROUP ENCOUNTER Monday, September 16, 7:00 p.m. in the church library. We would like to invite you to this year's Dialogues discussions which will focus primarily upon the theme of "Stewardship of God's Creation." To initiate this theme, David Shelor will lead our discussion on the 2018 *Christianity Today's* book of the year, *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*. Author Tish Harrison Warren opens up a practical theology of everyday experiences from waking up, making the bed, sitting in traffic, eating leftovers, to checking email. In each instance, Warren examines how we can embrace the sacred in the ordinary and ordinary in the sacred experiences of life. As always, copies of the book may be found in the church library. For further information, please contact Brenda Thomas, drbwt1969@gmail.com.

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

KOINONIA Looking ahead to next Tuesday, September 18 in the FPC Library. Save that date at 2:00 p.m. to hear Diana Carsey open the 2018 Fall Koinonia. Diana will review *Beneath a Ruthless Sun* by Gilbert King. Mark your calendar now. See you next Tuesday. If you have questions, call Mary Walthall at 727-733-4609.

Church Attendance on September 2, 2018 – Worship Café 32; Traditional 76

Is God in your will?