

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 26, 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 84 (Pew Bible pages 472-473) How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord; my soul rejoices in you. 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 (Pew Bible pages 271-273) At the dedication of the temple, King Solomon prays to the Lord. Ephesians 6:10-20 (Pew Bible page 952) Put on the whole armor or God; persevere in prayer for the saints. John 6:56-69 (Pew Bible page 868) A difficult teaching; yet Peter says Jesus has the words of eternal life.*

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 “Prelude on ITALIAN HYMN” **Stellhorn**

INTROIT (Hymn #139) “Come, Thou Almighty King” **Italian Hymn**

ALL: Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o’er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

OPENING SENTENCES *(from Psalm 138)*

LEADER: O Lord, I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love.

PEOPLE: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; with my whole heart I give thanks.

LEADER: On the day I called. you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

PEOPLE: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; with my whole heart, I give thanks.

***HYMN #147** “Blessing and Honor” **O quanta qualia**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Who do we say that Jesus is? In our finest moments, we declare God’s truth:

Jesus is the Messiah, God-with-us, Savior of all, Shepherd and Friend. Jesus is Lord of our whole lives.

Who do we say that Jesus is? In our weakest moments, we utter deceptions:

Jesus is a magician who makes our problems disappear, a superhero who rescues us from trouble. Or, he is a nice man who lived once upon a time: inoffensive, benign, sentimental; and dull. A superstition. A wishful imagining. A Sunday morning diversion who asks nothing from us.

Forgive us our feeble and false affirmations. Empower us to answer the question with renewed energy and integrity.

Who do we say that Jesus is?

Love beyond all loving, Name beyond all names, Hope beyond all wishing, Eternal Mystery, Word-made-flesh, Our Redeemer. He lives. He asks great things of us and empowers us for the tasks of discipleship. He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. *(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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING **John 6:56-69 (Pew Bible page 868)**

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to You, O Christ!

ANTHEM “The Earth Is the Lord’s” **Beebe**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **Ephesians 6:10-20 (Pew Bible page 952)**

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“God’s Armor”

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

“Prelude”

Jullien

***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 #307**

“Fight the Good Fight”

Duke Street

***BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata” (in the style of Scarlatti)

Young

*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 2, 2018 will be the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost and the Celebration of the Lord's Supper. *The lectionary scriptures will be: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 (Pew Bible page 449) A royal love song: God has blessed the king with beauty and grace. Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (Pew Bible page 544) One lover calls to another: Arise, my love, and come away. James 1:17-27 (Pew Bible pages 980-981) Every good gift comes from God; pure religion is to care for others. Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (Pew Bible pages 818-819) A debate about authority and tradition; evil things come from within.* -3-

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: John Ralph, Deborah Kynes, Patti Coleman, Susanne Wilde

LITURGIST: Marty Lawyer

SOUND TECHNICIANS: Carin Gow and Jeff Cockrell

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

The Staff and Congregation of First Presbyterian Church in memory of Florence Shelor
Bubba and Joan Roberson in loving memory of Doug Davis and Bryan Davis

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!

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TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES

- 8:45 a.m. – Worship Café
- 9:30 a.m. – Searcher Sunday School Class – Eric Houghton
- 9:30 a.m. – Foundation Sunday School Class
- 10:00 a.m. – Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship
- 11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

(Monday 27 th)	7:00 p.m.	Dialogues
(Tuesday 28 th)	PRIMARY ELECTIONS	
	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	AA
(Wednesday 29 th)	11:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class
	6:00 p.m.	Relay for Life Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	7:00 p.m.	Scout Meeting
(Thursday 30 th)	11:00 a.m.	OA
	8:00 p.m.	NA
(Friday 31 st)	6:30 p.m.	AA
(Saturday 1 st)	7:00 p.m.	AA

Church Attendance on August 19, 2018 - Worship Café 27; Traditional 93

Is God in your will?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE VIDEO CLUB will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29 at Chatterbox Restaurant. We will return to the church at approximately 7:00 to watch the second half of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AND GUESTS Plan to attend the brown bag lunch on Saturday, September 8th at Noon in Hager Hall. Bring your own lunch and we’ll provide desserts and beverages. You will receive the new study book entitled *God’s Promise: I Am with You* and enjoy the first lesson presented by Carole Anne Agnew. This is open to all women who have an interest in meeting monthly with a group of women to learn more about our faith, get to know each other better and find out what PW is all about. Hope you can join us.

DIALOGUES: A SMALL GROUP ENCOUNTER Monday, August 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. – Church Library. Dr. Merry Lynn Morris, Assistant Director for the Dance Program at the University of South Florida, will be leading a discussion of Arthur Frank’s book, *The Wounded Storyteller: Body, Illness, and Ethics*. Frank recounts a stirring collection of illness stories that are more than accounts of personal suffering: they abound with moral choices and point to a social ethic. Merry Lynn has used Frank’s text as a source of inspiration for her own creative and scholarly work to facilitate artistic expression and healthy mobility among disabled dancers. Copies of Frank’s book may be obtained from the church library or are available on Kindle through Amazon Digital Services.

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.)

- Dana Garlick at home following surgery
- Liz Bailey undergoing radiation treatments
- Debby Womack, sister of Candy Barnette, diagnosed with Parkinson’s
- Herbert Russcol, friend of Nancy Klopp
- Billie Cooper, aunt of Jeff Cockrell diagnosed with ALS

For continued healing: Sally King, Richard Garlick, Joyce Swan, Matthew Lanier, John Willmarth, Beth Hoffer