

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 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 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.*

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 in B Flat" Rinck

INTROIT (Hymn #84) "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Rathbun

ALL: In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

OPENING SENTENCES

LEADER: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the skies proclaim God's handiwork.

PEOPLE: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

LEADER: Their words are not heard, and their voices are not recorded

PEOPLE: but their silence fills the earth; unspoken truth is spoken everywhere.

LEADER: The revelation of God is perfect and pulls our lives together.

PEOPLE: It is more precious than gold and sweeter than honey. Praise the Lord!

***HYMN #92** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" St. Christopher

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we say we follow you, but our actions, or inactions, prove otherwise. We live for what we want, not what you want for us. We have not followed Jesus' example of selflessness. Instead, we have looked after our own interests, and ignored the needs of our neighbors. Turn our hearts. Forgive us, O God, and instill a new and right spirit within us. (*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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 1:20-33 (Pew Bible pages 509-510)

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Jubilate Deo"

Bowen

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-38 (Pew Bible page 820)

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

"What's Your Cross?"

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

“Priere”

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 #371

“Lift High the Cross”

Crucifer

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Postlude in Classic Style”

Young

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 23, 2018 will be the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. *The lectionary scriptures will be: Psalm 1 (Pew Bible page 424) Those who delight in God's law will prosper like trees by the water. Proverbs 31:10-31 (Pew Bible pages 535-536) A poem on the virtues and gifts of a strong and capable woman. James 3:13 – 4:3 (Pew Bible pages 981-982) Wisdom from above is pure, peaceful, gentle; draw near to God. Mark 9:30-37 (Pew Bible page 821) Jesus foretells his dying and rising; then he welcomes a little child.*

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Paul Stone, Peggy George, Dusty ByRoade, Paul Burks

LITURGIST: Katherine Calhoon

SOUND TECHNICIANS: Carin Gow and Jeff Cockrell

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

Lynn and Paul Burks in memory of Lynn's father Albro M. Wise
John and Marge Ralph in memory of John's sister Beverly Tiemann
and Marge's mother, Florence Cook

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

1:00 p.m. – Scout Committee Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE VIDEO CLUB will meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19 at Firehouse Subs. We will meet in the library at approximately 7:00 to watch the first half of *The Hundred Foot Journey*.

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.

RELAY FOR LIFE DINNER/HEP PRESENTATION Wednesday, September 26 a dinner to support Relay-for-Life (American Cancer Society) will be at 5:45 p.m. in Hager Hall, accompanied by a presentation on HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program). Please sign up on the Friendship Register or call the church office (727-733-2318) by noon on September 24 to make a reservation. Cost is \$8.00 per person

ONE LAST BIRTHDAY PARTY – SEPTEMBER 30th 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 Sunday, September 30, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (1021 Milwaukee Ave., Dunedin) to celebrate your day. We hope to see you there.

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.

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!

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.

GREAT BOOK GIVE AWAY! Next Sunday, September 23, FPC Library will display dozens of books in East Fellowship Hall. Select as many as you wish. Free! You will find a great assortment of books, from philosophy to fiction. Come, browse, take, and enjoy.

KOINONIA Please come this Tuesday, September 18 in the FPC Library. See you 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. We will have an early opening of the "Great Book Give Away". Pick *free* books from philosophy to fiction. We have many popular mystery books. See you next Tuesday. If you have questions, call Mary Walthall at 727-733-4609.

SUPPER CLUB Hungry for fellowship? Then come to the First Church Supper Club on Friday, October 12th. Please stop by the Supper Club sign-up table in east Hager Hall following each service. Sign-up ends on September 23rd. Hope to see you there!

THE ARNOLD'S SAY THANK YOU for the cards and well wishes for their 60th wedding anniversary celebration last Sunday.

**Dialogues: A Small Group Encounter
2018-2019
Stewardship of Creation**

“Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads.”

**Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., 3rd Monday of each month
Place: Church Library, First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin, FL**

September 17, 2018: Warren, Tish Harrison. *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*. IVP Books, 2016.

October 15, 2018: Tull, Patricia K. *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

November 19, 2018: Wirzba, Norman. *Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating*. Cambridge University Press, 2011.

December 17, 2018 and January 28, 2019: Rasmussen, Larry L. *Earth-honoring Faith: Religious Ethics in a New Key*. Oxford University Press, 2015.

February 18, 2019: Santimire, H. Paul. *Before Nature: A Christian Spirituality*. Fortress Press, 2014.

March 18, 2019: McFague, Sallie. *A New Climate for Theology: God, the World, and Global Warming*. Fortress Press, 2008.

April 15, 2019: Lanham, J. Drew. *The Home Place: Memoirs of a “Colored” Man’s Love Affair with Nature*. Milkweed Editions, 2017.

May 20, 2019: Monbiot, George. *Feral: Rewilding the Land, the Sea, and Human Life*. University of Chicago Press, 2017.

June 17 2019: Santmire, H. Paul. *Behold the Lilies: Jesus and the Contemplation of Nature - A Primer*. Cascade Books, 2017.

July 15, 2019: Meacham, Jon. *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*. Random House, 2018.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (17 th)	5:00 p.m.	Christian Education
	6:00 p.m.	Den Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Building Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Dialogues
Tuesday (18 th)	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Koinonia
	7:00 p.m.	AA
	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wednesday (19 th)	11:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
Thursday (20 th)	11:00 a.m.	OA
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	NA
	5:00 p.m.	Scout Service Project
Friday (21 st)	6:30 p.m.	AA
	6:30 p.m.	Game Night
	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.)

- *Family and friends of John Guthrie, ex-husband of Marion Guthrie, who died September 10*
- *Family and friends of Devon Pierce after the death of her grandfather, Donald Williams*
- 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

Church Attendance on September 9, 2018 - Worship Café 44; Traditional 89

Is God in your will?