

# First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



**Sunday, September 22, 2019**  
**10:30am**



Service for the Lord's Day  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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*\* indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.  
**Bold text** indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude & Ringing of the Bell**

<b>Gathering Music</b>	<i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i>	pg. 35
	<i>What the Lord Has Done in Me</i>	pg. 26

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (responsive)

Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.

**Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.**

The last are first in the realm of God;

**the least are welcomed in Jesus' name.**

The Lord raises the poor from the dust

**and lifts up the needy from the ashes.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #282**      *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

## **Call to Confession**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

## **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Sung Response**

*God is So Good*

sing twice

***God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, he's so good to me.***

## **Assurance of Pardon**

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **\*Gloria Patri**

***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.***

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Exchange words of peace and reconciliation with one another.*

**\*Sung Response**                      *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Message**

**Prayer of Illumination (unison)**

**Overwhelm us with Your Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will speak to our hearts as Your Word, made known to us in Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

1 Samuel 3:1-11

**Sermon**

Elder Jamie Sanders

**\*Hymn #525**

*Here I Am, Lord*

# WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory, forever. Amen.**

### Sung Response

*Be Still and Know*

*Be still and know that I am God.*

*Be still and know that I am God.*

*Be still and know that I am God.*

## Morning Offering

### Offertory

*Teach Me*  
Chancel Choir

Martin/Nordmeyer

### \*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.**

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

### \*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.

### \*Hymn #419

*How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

## **Today's Scripture Reading**

### **1 Samuel 3:1-11 (NRSV)**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.



**Prayer List:**

*Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.*

**Concerns:**

Karen Moore; Hannah Harlow; Sharon Froom; Shelly's friend Beth; Reshawn Whetstone; Bonnie Smith; Garret Miniard; Lois Palmer; Al Bartholomew; The Rev. George Gillette; Brenda Bollman; Rhonda Handley; Geneva Foster; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country

**Thanksgivings:**

The birth of Ellery Philip Booth on 8/15; The birth of Elijah Harrison Nester on 7/29; Miracles and healing mercies granted; An expected grand-baby in the church family this year; Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

**Continuing Prayers:**

John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Randy Jenison; Christina Latoski & family; Barb Pharr; Rick & Mary Rimmel; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Randy Smith; Shelley Zamarron & family

*If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.*

## **Happening this Week:**

- Men's Breakfast – Tuesday, 8:30am – Hearthstone Oven
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

## **Service Volunteers – September 29, 2019:**

- Karen Emery, Liturgist
- Jim & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Greeters
- Sandy Parr & Cheri Booth, Ushers
- Carolyn Gruesbeck & Vickie Thum, Counters
- Ken & Nola Owen, Coffee Hour

## **Simply Give – Now Through September 28**

Meijer is having another Simply Give campaign August 18-September 28. Each \$10 Simply Give card purchased is a donation to the Gratiot Hunger Network, of which our pantry is a member. Double Match Days are August 30 and September 13.

## **Pastor Christina on Study Leave**

Pastor Christina will be on Study Leave Tuesday, 9/17 through Thursday, 9/26. Pastor Peggy Ronk will be covering pastoral emergencies if they arise, and our own Jamie Sanders will be preaching on Sunday, 9/22.

## **New Mid-Week Adult Study**

For our fall mid-week adult study, we will be reading, studying, and discussing John Ortberg's book *If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat*, which, according to Amazon, is an award-winning book that uses the New Testament account of Jesus walking on water as a conceptual framework for discussing leaps of faith and encouraging readers to make them. This 6-week class will meet Wednesdays at 7:00pm, beginning October 2. Books have been ordered – and there are a few extras coming if you didn't get a chance to sign up.

## **New Member Class**

If you are interested in becoming a member of Ithaca First Presbyterian Church, then this announcement is for you! We will have a 2-part new member class coming up October 13 and 20, following worship service. This is a chance to learn about being Presbyterian and more specifically a member of this congregation. There will be an opportunity to be publicly welcomed into church membership on Sunday, October 27, during the worship service. For more information, see Pastor Christina.

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**Leading Worship Today:**

Elder Jamie Sanders, Preacher  
Val Melow, Liturgist  
Bob Crist, Music Director  
Ken & Nola Owen, Greeter  
Ken & Nola Owen, Ushers  
Kathy Vanderbeek & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Counters

**Staff:**

The Rev. Christina L. Jensen, Pastor  
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