

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, September 29, 2019
10:30am

Service for the Lord's Day
16th 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

Gathering Music

Through it All
You Are My All in All

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Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Let every tongue confess the good news:

Jesus Christ is Lord; glory to God!

Let our words and thoughts be acceptable to God;

the Lord is our rock and our redeemer.

The love of wealth is the root of evil.

Our treasure is the gift of life in Christ.

***Opening Prayer**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn #339**

Be Thou My Vision

Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children.
With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Anthem

Joyful Praise

arr. Nichols

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-19

Sermon

Pastor Christina

***Hymn (insert)**

On Eagle's Wings

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

*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.

On Eagle's Wings

G Dmaj7/F#

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -

G Dmaj7/F# F

bide in his shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My

Dm F Gm Asus

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

A7 D Em

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the

A7 D D7 G Em A7

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and

Bm Em D/F# Em A7 D

hold you in the palm of his hand.

G DMaj7/F#

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and

G DMaj7/F# F 3

fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings your

Dm F Gm Asus Refrain.

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G 3 DMaj7/F#

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G DMaj7/F# F

ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus Refrain

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G 3 DMaj7/F#

4 For to his an - gels is giv - en a com - mand to

G DMaj7/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm Am Bb Asus Refrain

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

***Blessing of the Blankets**

Without even knowing who would receive them, these blankets were made specifically for the people who will receive them.

May they see the intricate love and care given to these blankets, mirroring the intricate love and care that God bestows upon all people.

These blankets were made to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill.

May they feel the warm breath of the Holy Spirit as they wrap themselves with it.

These blankets were made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone.

May they feel comfort in knowing that someone prayed for them as they pieced it together.

These blankets were made to bring peace to someone in need of prayer.

May they feel the power of our prayers as they feel the yarn and fleece winding through their fingers.

These blankets were made to remind the recipient that they are part of this community.

May they feel touched by our love, moved by our guidance and held up by our support.

***Hymn #316**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Today's Scripture Readings

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16 (NRSV)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

1 Timothy 6:11-19 (NRSV)

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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:

- Tabitha Circle – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Downstairs Lounge
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry
- “If You Wanna Walk” Class – Wednesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room

Service Volunteers – October 6, 2019:

- Hillary Shemes, Liturgist
- Phil & Cheri Booth, Greeters
- Phil & Cheri Booth, Ushers
- Carolyn Gruesbeck & Brad Thum, Communion Servers
- Tom Heinlein & Vickie Thum, Counters
- Potluck, Coffee Hour

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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