

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*please stand as you are able.

September 2, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Etude No. 2

P. Glass; S. Michael Shuman, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others.)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 127 and 128)*

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

*HYMN 42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Loving God, your care for us is beyond our comprehension. Even when we choose our own way, you keep calling us back to your ways and lovingly forgive us. We come to you, confessing the things that we try to conceal from you. We say we want you to be most important in our lives, only to realize that we place many things ahead of you: work, success, schedules, grades, wealth, personal pursuits, family, and friends. We take care of ourselves without acknowledging that we need you. We worry too much and trust you too little. Sometimes, we are afraid to believe that you will provide for us. Remind us today of how abundantly you care for even the lilies of the field and the birds of the air. How much more you care for us! Show us how to labor with you for the things of lasting importance. *(silent reflection) Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*RESPONSE 175

Seek Ye First

Glory to God

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SONG 2233

Where Children Belong

Sing the Faith

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Phil Butin

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

SERMON

Regarding Birds, Lilies, and Us

Rev. Jan Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Praise the Father, Praise the Son

C. Tomlin

*RESPONSE 606

Doxology

Glory to God

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Hymn 559) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

(Hymn 560) **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.** (Hymn 561) **Amen, amen, amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, in your grace ... You hear our prayers.

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 the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 661

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Glory to God

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

arr. by J. Koerts

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WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO YOU! Ushers and greeters are happy to help with any needs you have.

CHILDREN ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF WORSHIP HERE AT FUPC. Professional childcare for children under five years old is provided in Lower Calvin from 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. We offer a Time with Children during worship. Afterward, children may go the nursery or stay in worship. Activity packets are available in Fellowship Hall.

OUR FALL WORSHIP SERIES, FOLLOWING AFTER THE SERVANT, will begin September 9.

9/9 *With All Your Heart and with All Your Soul* (communion)

9/16 *Not to be Served, but to Serve*

9/23 *Service and Sacrifice*

9/30 *Washing One Another's Feet*

FALL SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES! We invite friends, families, and visitors to join us.

Children (Theme: *All are Welcome at God's Table*)

Preschoolers meet in Upper Knox with Ruth Rodgers and Lora Horne.

Kindergarten—First Graders meet in Upper Knox with Lea Millett.

Second—Fourth Graders meet in Lower Knox with Melissa Werner and Sara Eichmann.

Fifth—Sixth Graders meet in Lower Knox with Hillary Fischer and Rob Button.

Youth

Eighth—Ninth Grade Confirmation Group meets in Lower Knox with Lorraine Brewer and Tom Verdery.

Seventh—Twelfth Graders meet in Lower Witherspoon with Jacob and Brianne Christiansen .

Adults

The Present Word: God's World and God's People, led by Dennis Brewer and Jane Steinkraus in Calvin 203, is surveying Genesis in a three part unit on God's creation of the universe, earth, and people.

Our "Come As You Are," drop-in opportunity is led by Brett and Sara Torbett in Upper Witherspoon. This group will be discussing *Recapturing the Wonder: Transcendent in a Disenchanted World* by Mike Cosper.

Thoughtful Christians is led by Rev. Phil Butin and Derrik Olsen in Calvin 201. Our discussion will be based on the book, *Searching for Truth: Confessing Christ in an Uncertain World* by Thomas W. Currie III.

OUR SEPTEMBER "MEET & EAT" is Thursday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. at Whole Hog Café (3009 N. College Ave.).

OUR HEALTHY MARRIAGES GROUP kicks off this year on September 7, 6:00-8:30 p.m. We'll have a brief discussion followed by couple "Date Night" at a restaurant of your choice. Childcare is provided with reservation a week ahead. All are welcome. Contact the Church Office for reservations (442-4411 or officemanager@fupcfay.org).

OUR YOUNG ADULT LUNCH WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 immediately following the 11 o'clock worship. Let us treat you to lunch! All young adults are welcome to join us. Meet by the coffee bar and we will decide where to eat together. We have missed you over the summer and can't wait to reconnect!

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR JUNIOR HIGH YOUTHQUAKE! All six-eighth graders are invited to join us for our fall presbytery retreat, September 28-30. Cost is \$95. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, contact Brianne Christiansen (bchristiansen@fupcfay.org) by Wednesday, September 5.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FALL COFFEE IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 10:00-11:30 A.M. Please join us at the home of Katie Jackson for brunch. We will be carpooling from the church and Butterfield Trail Village. Please let your circle coordinator or the Church Office (442-4411) know if you are interested in carpooling by Thursday, September 6. New study guides will be available at the coffee for \$10. For directions, contact Katie Jackson (879-1849).

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY WILL KICK OFF THE YEAR WITH BOWLING! Fifth and sixth graders are invited to go bowling on Sunday, September 16. We will gather outside Lower Witherspoon at 1:45 p.m. before heading to Ozark Lanes. We will return to the church at 4:15 p.m. This is a great opportunity to get to know Hillary Fischer and Rob Button, your Spiritual Growth leaders, and other middle schoolers. Bring a friend and join us!

UPY LAKE DAY TAKE TWO has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 16, 12:30-8:30 p.m. Come spend an afternoon on Beaver Lake. Friends are welcome! Please be sure to give permission forms to Brianne Christiansen (bchristiansen@fupcfay.org). If you have already turned in your form, please check in with Brianne so that we know who will be coming!

THE TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 4:00 P.M. This participatory prayer service is designed for contemplation through song, scripture, and silence. The different tempo of the service encourages us to break away from the hurried sense of our lives and breathe in the presence of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

FIRST FELLOWSHIP WILL MEET AT 11:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, AT BUTTERFIELD TRAIL VILLAGE. Rev. Jan Butin will present "Healthy Congregations: Some Impressions" from her summer sabbatical. Lunch is \$5.00-\$7.00. For reservations call the Church Office (442-4411) or Ron Talbert (841-9742) by September 24.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE ARKANSAS PRESBYTERY HONDURAS MISSION TRIP, SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 6. We will travel to Tegucigalpa and stay at the Presbyterian Women of Honduras' Villa Gracia. The focus of the trip will be on meeting, worshipping, and sharing with Honduran congregations and their members. Leigh Woodruff is facilitating trip arrangements and Phil Butin will lead the trip in Honduras. For more information, contact Leigh (601-1437 or leigh.woodruff@yahoo.com). The estimated cost per person is \$1,500. Scholarships are available.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - Adults of all ages are welcome to join us for this fun opportunity to help us all get better acquainted. We will begin at the church before traveling in small groups to members' homes. Those who sign up will be asked to bring a dish but are not required to host in their homes. Childcare is available. **Reservations are due today!** For more information, visit the Fellowship Ministry Team table.

RENOVATION OF THE SANCTUARY AND NEW GATHERING SPACE IS WELL UNDERWAY. In August, the Session invited the congregation to participate in "over and above" giving of \$97,200 toward additional items that will add to the welcome and comfort of these renovated areas. These items include:

- Gathering Space Furniture (\$7,500)
- Cameras for Streaming Worship (\$12,000)
- Welcoming Supplies (\$4,500)
- Pew alterations for Partial Aisle (\$1,500)
- Courtyard Garden Outside Music Room (\$23,900)
- Appliances for Gathering Space Hospitality (\$8,000)
- Software for Audio/Visual Presentations (\$1,200)
- Banners for Outdoor Gathering Area (\$2,000)
- New Pew Cushions (\$23,000)
- Portable Welcome Kiosk (\$5,000)

We are happy to announce that we are only \$7,018 away from our August goal! Any gifts above the costs of these items will go to the FUPC Building and Maintenance Fund.

Calendar for the Week Ahead

Sun., Sept. 2	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship	Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Spiritual Growth for All Ages	FUPC Campus
	3:00 p.m.	Sunday Supper	Trinity United Methodist Church
	4:30 p.m.	Butterfield Trail Village Vespers	BTV Convocation Room
	5:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Together	Lower Witherspoon
Mon., Sept. 3	8:00 a.m.	Church Office Closed for Labor Day	
Tues., Sept. 4	3:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Butterfield Trail Village
	6:15 p.m.	Presbyterian Women's Circle 2	at the home of Kim Hodous
Wed., Sept. 5	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Village Inn
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Music Ensemble	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	"Meet & Eat" at Whole Hog Café	3009 N. College Ave.
Fri., Sept. 7	10:00 a.m.	Hooks and Needles	Lower Witherspoon
	6:30 p.m.	Healthy Marriages Group	Upper Witherspoon
Sat., Sept. 8	10:00 a.m.	Fellow"Shape" Zumba	Upper Witherspoon
	10:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women's Fall Coffee	at the home of Katie Jackson
	5:00 p.m.	Progressive Dinner (<i>reservations required</i>)	Fellowship Hall