



# Welcome to First Worship!

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 22, 2018  
9:00 AM

The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

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## Gather

*We enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.*

*Please remember to turn cell phones and pagers to silent for worship.*

*Where you see an asterisk (\*) please stand if you are able.*

*The worship leader reads italic print.*

Everyone reads the standard print together.

## Prelude

*We listen and get ready to worship God.*

## Greeting

*The Pastor welcomes everyone to worship.*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

## Song

Fresh as the Morning

Fresh as the Morning, sure as the sunrise  
God ever faithful, you do not change.

Fresh as the Morning, sure as the sunrise  
God ever faithful, you do not change.

## Lighting the Christ Candle

*We say words from scripture*

*to proclaim who God is and what God has done.*

*Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:*

**Christ is the light of the world  
and the center of our lives.**

## Prayer for the Morning

*We pray together.*

*May God be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*God of the sunrise,  
thank you for the gift of this new day.*

**Ground me and root me in your love.**

**Open my heart to the beauty of your creation.**

**Open my eyes to see the wonder of life.**

**Open my heart to receive your grace.**

**Amen.**

## \* Opening Songs

*We praise God by singing about God's greatness and goodness.*

Love the Lord Your God – Strathdee

Love the Lord Your God - Brewster

## \* Prayer of Confession

*We stand humbly before God and pray together.*

Holy God,  
you love us, you care for us,  
and you lead us day by day.  
But we have not followed you.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
And we have not loved our neighbors.  
Forgive us by your grace.  
Help us to walk in your way,  
that we may see the world as you do,  
and love it with your love;  
for Jesus sake.  
Amen.

*(We continue to pray silently.)*

## \* Assurance of Grace

*The Pastor reminds us of God's forgiveness  
in the name of Jesus Christ.*

\* **Response of Praise**

*Alleluia Con Brio*

*We sing Alleluia; it means "Praise God!"*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

\* **Sharing the Peace**

*We greet each other with a sign of Christ's welcome.*

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

\* **Song**

Our God is a God Who Makes Friends

## Hear

### Prayer for Illumination

*We ask God's Spirit to help us understand.*

### Scripture Lesson

*We read today's Bible story.*

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

*(on page 818 of the pew Bible)*

*The Word of God for the People of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Bible Lesson

*The Pastor helps us hear that God who speaks in scripture, speaks to us now.*

*We end our Bible Lesson with a time of silence.*

\* **Saying Yes**

*We say together what we believe as a church family.*

*Because God cares for us,*

**we will care for each other.**

*Because we are part of God's creation,*

**we will care for the earth.**

*Because we are loved by God,*

**we will share God's love with everyone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

# Respond and Serve

## Prayers of Concern

*We share our concerns for the church, the world, and all in need.*

We pray to you, O God:

**Hear our prayers.**

## The Offering

*We give our tithes and offerings for God's service.*

## Special Music

*As we give our gifts, Mr. G offers special music to God and we listen as he plays.*

## \* Doxology

*We sing a special song of praise  
as the offerings are brought to the Communion Table.*

Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.

Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.

Maye-nziwe 'ntan-do ya-kho.

Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.

Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.

Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Your will... be done... on earth... O Lord.

Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

## \* Prayer of Thanksgiving

*We receive the offering and give thanks for all God's gifts.*

*We conclude our prayer by praying The Lord's Prayer together.*

*God is here.*

**The Spirit is with us.**

*Let us give thanks to God.*

**We thank God with joy.**

*Holy God, we thank you for the sounds of life:  
for the morning songs of the wren and the sparrow,  
and the evening song of the owl;  
for the hum of airplanes overhead,  
and the rumble of trucks on the road; ...*

*for rain's even echo on the roof,  
and leaves crunching under our feet;  
for the sounds of laughter and the cry of falling tears;  
for the quiet, even breathing  
of our loved ones asleep;  
for the way the middle of the night sounds;  
and the sound of waking up.  
Thank you God for the sounds of life.*

**We thank you for bringing us together today.**

**You are always with us.**

**Now we offer you our lives,**

**to be shaped by your Spirit.**

**Make us people who will live in your love,**

**and change the world for you.**

*Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:*

**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.**

**\* Closing Song 848**

*Trust in God (Psalm 125)*

**\* Closing Responses**

*God sends us out into the world to serve.*

*For all that God gives us, we say:*

**Thank you!**

*For all that God asks for us, we say:*

**Yes!**

**\* Blessing**

*The Pastor gives us a blessing as we leave worship.*

**Postlude**

*Mr. G will play some music as we leave the sanctuary.*



## ***Assist in Worship***

Pastor Sue and Pastor Morton invite you to assist them this summer during First Worship. Here are some ways you can assist them:

- Light the Christ Candle during the Call to Worship
- Read the Scripture Lesson
- Pour the water
- Help the ushers greet and take the offering

Please speak with Virginia Callegary if you would like to be a Worship Assistant. Also, there is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for First Worship. If you sign up, Ms. Virginia will be in touch with you and help you prepare to be a Worship Assistant this summer.

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