



Welcome to First Worship!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 19, 2018
9:00 AM

The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

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.
Let me worship you with all my
heart and soul and mind and strength.
Amen.**

*** Opening Song**

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

Hymn 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

*** 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 642**

Heleluyan, We Are Singing

We sing Alleluia; it means "Praise God!"

Heleluyan, we are singing.
Hele, heleluyan.
Heleluyan, now and always.
Hele, heleluyan.

* **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.

Proverbs 9:1-6, 10

(on page 516 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.

* **Song**

Let There Be Love and Understanding

* **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 our sense of taste.

For sweet, savory, sharp, sour and salty.

For hot and pungent, and for fresh and cool.

For tart tastes that make our lips pucker,

and for spicy tastes that make our lips numb.

For the very favorite taste we love,

and for new tastes that we will try. ...

Thank you God for taste.

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**

Hymn 300

We Are One in the Spirit

*** 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.

May the blessing of God be yours.

May the blessing of Christ be yours.

May the blessing of the Spirit be yours

Pouring upon you, this day and every day,

Gently and generously...Gently and generously!

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.

Thanks to Elaine Cook for the Zentangle® art in this week's worship bulletin.



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