



Welcome to First Worship!

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21, 2019
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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

We say words from scripture

to proclaim who God is and what God has done.

God's love and justice will last forever,

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

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, my friend, you give me strength.

God my shield, my help, you watch over me.

You bring me out to a broad place

because you delight in me.

It is you who light my lamp.

You light up my darkness. ...

**By you, O God, I can leap over the wall.
For this I will praise you in the morning
and in the evening, now and always. Amen.**

*** Opening Song**

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

Hymn Wherever I May Wander

*** 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**

Friedman Alleluia

We sing Alleluia; it means "Praise God!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 8/8 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some ties. Below the staff, the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' are written with hyphens under the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a double bar line at the end. Below it, the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!' are written with hyphens.

*** 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**

God Welcomes All

Hear

Prayer for Illumination

We ask God's Spirit to help us understand.

Scripture Lesson

We read today's Bible story.

Luke 10:38-42

(on page 845 of the pew Bible)

For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us,

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 promise God and each other that we will be disciples.

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.

* Song

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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

Glory and Gratitude and Praise

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

Glory and gratitude and praise
now let earth to heaven raise.
Glory and gratitude and praise:
these we offer to God.

* 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.

You are great, Holy God,
(fold hands in prayer)

and your whole world sings your praise.
(reach up with open hands)

I will thank you forever
(place hands over heart)

Because of what you have done.
(hold hands open)

In the presence of the faithful
(stretch arms out and move to side)

I will proclaim your name, for it is good.
(raise arms over head and wiggle hands)

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.

Sending Out

Vacation Bible School

* Closing Song

Hymn 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

* 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.

Thanks to Ginny Lockhart for the Zentangle® art in this week's worship bulletin.



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