



# Service For The Lord's Day

**July 23, 2017**

***\*Those who are able, please stand.***

**10:00 A.M. Worship**

**WELCOME!** We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope and celebration in this hour spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person. Note those who worship with you so that you might greet them by name.*

## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*Scatter to serve, listening for God's direction. Let your faces shine with the good news you have received. God promises to be with us wherever we go. We can say, "Surely God is in this place." Let us live, then, according to the Spirit. Let us show forth the first fruits of the Spirit. Amen.*

## **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(Please greet nearby worshipers and return to your seat.)*

### **PRELUDE**

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Hudson

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(Responsive)*

Leader: God has searched us and knows us. God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

**All: God searches out our path and our lying down. God is acquainted with all our ways.**

Leader: Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it. God's hand is ever available to guide us.

**All: Such knowledge is a wonder to us. It is beyond anything we can attain.**

Leader: We cannot escape from God's spirit. There is nowhere to flee from God's presence.

**All: Darkness is a light to our God. God illuminates the way before us.**



**SECOND READING**

Romans 8:24-25

**SERMON**

“I Hope; I Hope; I Hope.”

Rev. Rusty Cowden

**\*HYMN**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

No. 379

**GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 14

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

...“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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

**OFFERTORY**

“The Old Hundredth”

Hudson

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*(In Unison)*

Thank You, God, for the rich heritage of faith we have received. We are grateful that Your Spirit is ever with us, assuring us of Your acceptance and love. May our offerings share this good news with other children of God who have not yet discovered their identity. May all of us grow in righteousness that we might together experience the reality of Your realm in our daily lives, here and now and for all eternity. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

“Live into Hope”

No. 332

*Verses 1, 2 and 4*

**GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Hudson

***THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;  
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!***

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. To learn more about First Presbyterian Church of Warren, we invite you to pick up a Welcome Packet at one of the Sanctuary entrances.

**FPC VISION:** Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education and service.

**FPC'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS** is <http://www.fpcwarren.org> – come visit us on the ‘Net! Our e-mail address is [fpcwarren@hotmail.com](mailto:fpcwarren@hotmail.com).

**JOIN US THURSDAY MORNINGS . . .** for our weekly prayer talk. We meet in Fellowship Hall for guided devotionals with scripture and prayer and fellowship at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome. Please join us. *...let us walk in the light of the Lord Isaiah2:5*

**HEARING DEVICES** to better enable you to hear the service are available from one of the ushers. Please return the device at the end of the service.

**RADIO MINISTRY** is funded this morning by the **Richard and Martha Gougler**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on WHKZ-1440 AM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check. Our radio ministry costs approximately \$150.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** There was an email vote to call a meeting of the congregation for **today**, following worship, for the purpose of electing officers of FPC. The election of officers is the only business that will be conducted at this meeting. The endorsement of the congregation goes a long way in encouraging a Church officer when difficult decisions must be made for the good of FPC. Please plan to attend and show your support.

**THE DEACONS** would like to thank all who remember the Deacons’ Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **bar soap, toilet paper, dish soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes** for the month of **July**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

**CHILD CARE:** Our child care provider will be on vacation **July 23, 30 and August 6 and 13**. Should anyone need child care during this time we will arrange it on a volunteer basis.

**VOLUNTEERS** - Session and the Relay for Life team are looking for volunteers to help with parking for the concert dates at the amphitheater. The funds raised from these events will be split between Relay for Life and parking lot maintenance. Please sign-up on the sheet posted outside the Sanctuary. Thank you for your help.

**A GARAGE SALE** to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters will be held on Saturday, August 5, from 9am – 4pm, at the Girard Multi-Generational Center. They are accepting items in good condition for the sale. Please contact James Sherwood at 330-772-9402, if you would like to donate items to the sale.

**BEVERLEY AND JOHN KIEFER FAREWELL:** Join us today, after worship and the Congregational Meeting, for a farewell lunch honoring the Kiefers, in Fellowship Hall. Let's gather for fellowship and wish them well with their move south.

**ADOPT-A-SCHOOL 2017-18....**Let's continue our efforts to help our community children, many of whom will lack the basic supplies needed for school. Don't forget **School Supplies** the next time you are out and about. Look for those "early bird" specials and get more for your buck! Some of the supplies needed are glue (stick or liquid), pencils/pens, folders, wide-ruled notebook paper, erasers, scissors, etc. Every little bit helps those children less fortunate. You can drop your donations off at the Church Office.

**STEEPLE PEOPLE:** The next issue of the Steeple People will be included with the September SPIRE. Please direct any and all news items to Sue Kindelberger at [Sueakind@aol.com](mailto:Sueakind@aol.com) or place in the Steeple People mailbox in the outer office. Remember to include book titles with authors and news of our college kids! Deadline for September inclusion is August 23. Thanks!!



**LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM OUR USHERS AND GREETERS.**

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*Jenny Annandonno*

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*Bill Kemp, Gary Wireman, Luke Heiligenberg*

*Bob Stahl*

# WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, July 23	- <b>Worship</b> ..... <b>10:00 am</b> - <b>Congregational Meeting</b> ..... <b>11:00 am</b> - <b>Kiefer Farewell Lunch</b> ..... <b>11:15 am</b>
Mon, July 24	- <b>Women of Faith, P</b> ..... <b>10:30 am</b> - AA, MC..... 7:30 pm
Tue, July 25	- Al-Anon, MC ..... 9:30 am - Rev. Thornton Bible Study, FH ..... 12:00 pm - NA, MC & FH ..... 7:00 pm
Wed, July 26	- MA, P ..... 6:00 pm - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm
Thur, July 27	- <b>Prayer Talk, FH</b> ..... <b>8:30 am</b>
Sun, July 30	- <b>Worship</b> ..... <b>10:00 am</b>



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