



Service For The Lord's Day

Deacons Sunday/ World Communion/2 Cents a Meal

October 1, 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

Go forth to serve in the spirit of Christ. Dare to question false values that hold us captive. Look to the greatest interests of all people. In humility, view each person as precious to God. Remember always that God is at work in you. With God's help, amazing good can be accomplished. Amen

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mary Kilpatrick

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

PRELUDE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

arr. Hayes

INTROIT

"In the Singing"

Murray/Young

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Responsive)

Leader: Go forth to serve in the spirit of Christ. Dare to question false values that hold us captive.

All: We will seek the mind of Christ in all things. We will put aside selfish ambition and conceit.

Leader: Look to the greatest interests of all people. In humility, view each person as precious to God.

All: We count it a privilege to serve in Christ's name. We are grateful for the saving power of love.

Leader: Remember always that God is at work in you. With God's help, amazing good can be accomplished.

All: May we do what we have so boldly declared. May we follow and serve in joyous obedience.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(In Unison)*

We marvel that the Creator of the universe would take on human flesh to draw near to us in ways we could begin to understand. As Jesus emptied Himself to serve, modeling your love even in the face of death, we seek in these moments honest and faithful worship. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Open My Eyes That I May See” No. 324

***CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Lay Reader)*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

We fear to approach You with our confession, holy God, for You may require changes in us that are costly. You ask us to have the mind of Christ, a mind free of pretense and self-interest. You challenge us to lay aside our advantages to go where You send us. We fear obedience. It is difficult to consider others when we feel like victims ourselves. We confess our need for You and our desire to find Your purpose for us. Amen.

***KYRIE** No. 574

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Lay Reader)*

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 579

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

Loving God, Whose messengers have shown us the way of righteousness and Whose revelation in Jesus Christ has demonstrated humble obedience to Your will, lead us this day to the joy they have known through serving You, that our witness may be as authentic as theirs and be influential in the lives of all we meet, adding to Your realm in heaven and on earth. Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

ANTHEM “Feed Us Now, O Song of God” Swenson

CHILDREN’S TIME *(Children can return to their seats.)*

SECOND READING Matt 21:28-31a

SERMON

“Talk Is Cheap”

Rev. Rusty Cowden

***HYMN**

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

No. 516

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (Eat the Bread as you are served; hold the Cup - we will take together).

Communion Music

Prayer

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 14

OFFERTORY

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Hudson

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(In Unison)*

O God, we give because You have richly blessed us. We present ourselves in Your service because You have given to us in so many ways. We reach out helping hands because we care about all those You have called us to love. May every tongue confessing Christ as Savior share in that mind which so powerfully demonstrates Your love. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

No. 429

Verses 1, 2 and 3

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSINGS**

BENEDICTION

“Go in Peace and Joy”

Franck/Hopson

POSTLUDE

“Joy Song”

Hayes

***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.

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of **Chris Woodall Scarmuzzi** from **Dallas and Velma Woodall**.

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**

RADIO MINISTRY was funded this morning by **Mary Ellen Core**. 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.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons’ Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **bar soap, laundry detergent, Kleenex and spaghetti sauce** for the month of **October**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall. Deacons are in need of empty **egg cartons**; you may leave them in the Deacons’ box also.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE - Longtime member Pauline Nelson will turn 90 on October 14, 2017. Her daughter Sandy has asked if her friends at FPC could send a picture of themselves to her so she can share them with her mom on her birthday. If you would like to participate, please send cards and pictures to Sandy Jones at 5512 SW. 5th Ave. Cape Coral, FL. 33914. Direct any questions to Sandy at 973-954-8473. Thank you.

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE will meet Thursday, October 5, at 11:00 am. in the Parlor. We are starting a new study called “Cloud of Witnesses”, a study on the book of Hebrews. Come and join us for this interesting study and fellowship. Bring a bag lunch.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet Friday, October 6 for Ecumenical Day. Please see M.A. Vlad for details and reservations.

BOOK MISSING - If you found a book titled *Reformation Questions, Reformation Answers 95 Key Facts*, by Donald McKim, please return it to Ray Rubrake or you can join the adult Sunday School class at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

IN SYMPATHY – Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Nancy Hochadel** on the death of her mother, **Mary Ellen Core**, on Monday, September 25.

CE MEETING: CE is planning an informational meeting for the Junior/Senior High program **today**, after worship in Badger Hall. This meeting is for Junior and Senior High students and their parents; we would also like to include those parents who have children in our preschool and grade school program and any volunteers who are interested in helping. We are looking into a new format, an upcoming confirmation class and finding a better way to meet the needs and schedules of our youth.

ADULT STUDY: On Sunday, October 8, Rusty will teach an adult study after worship titled “Paul and Plato”. It will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in Badger Hall from 11:15 - 12:15. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall outside the Sanctuary.

DEACONS SUNDAY- Today we celebrate the Deacons and all the work and ministry they do within our church and throughout this community. Join us as we thank them at a reception immediately following worship.

BOOKS FOR LIBRARIES - Hurricane Harvey flooded many school libraries. The Deacons’ mission project for October is donating new or used books for children in Kindergarten thru middle school. You may buy the books to donate or, to save postage, the Deacons will order from Amazon after you choose books using the list provided (suggested by the teachers) or choose “other” if you want to donate one of your own choosing. Please return the provided sheet with your choices and payment (cash or check to First Presbyterian Church) or your donated books by Sunday, October 29, 2017.

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

LAY READER:

Lynnette Devanny

USHER CAPTAIN:

Zam Zampedro

GREETERS:

Debbie Ries, Linda Adair, Judy Wistar

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

Bill Kemp, Gary Wireman, Luke Heiligenberg

VIDEO PROJECTION:

Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun. Oct. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deacon Sunday/World Communion/2 Cents-a-Meal - Motet Choir 8:30 am - Sunday School 9:00 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - CE, Church Growth and Mission Meetings 11:15 am - Deacons Fall Reception..... 11:15 am
Mon. Oct. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - AA, MC 7:30 pm
Tues. Oct. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am - Rev. Thornton Bible Study, FH 12:00 pm - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Wed. Oct. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MA, P 6:00 pm - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm - Chimes..... 7:00 pm - Bells 7:30 pm
Thur. Oct. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer Talk, FH 8:30 am - Miriam Esther Circle, P & FH..... 11:00 am
Sun. Oct. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motet Choir 8:30 am - Sunday School 9:00 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - InSPIREd Choirs 10:30 am - Worship Meeting..... 11:15 am - Rusty's Class, B..... 11:15 am - Ghost Walk Rehearsal 2:00 pm
FH-Fellowship Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge



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