



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Sunday November 12, 2017, 10:30 A.M.
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

A life of faith is often about the choices we make. Joshua calls the people of Israel to make a decision about whom they will serve, and where they will place their hope. Will it be the foreign gods of their ancestors, or the Lord who redeemed them out of Egypt? The gospel of Matthew recounts the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. In this parable, half of the bridesmaids had chosen wisely to bring extra oil for their lamps, and the other half did not.

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

**Please stand if able
 **or God*

When we stand in the light of God's goodness, we see ourselves for who we really are, including our shadows, our brokenness and our sin. We come before God in complete honesty, confessing our sins, and asking God by the grace of forgiveness, to restore what is broken.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Rejoice, All Ye Believers
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Margrethe Hokanson
 Robert Hobby

WORDS OF WELCOME

Robert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Margaret Bourke

L: Choose this day whom you will serve.

P: We will serve the Lord, and worship God alone.

L: Do not hide these things from your children.

P: We will proclaim to coming generations the wonders God has done.

***HYMN 264**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Almighty God, you are the source of all that is good. Forgive us when we take good things for granted, when we fail to hand them down to the next generation. Forgive us when we fail to appreciate what you would have us value most, when we are too quick to discard the things we should treasure and when we are too slow to let go of things that we can do without. Despite our ignorance, give us a future with hope. For the sake of your Son and the world he loved, we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri - 579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
 Amen and Amen.

***Passing the Peace and Greetings**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kirsten Trachsel

(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for music time after the Children's Moment. Younger children Thru K may remain in the nursery and older children will return to the worship service.)

ANTHEM

The Heavens are Telling from The Creation

Franz Joseph Haydn

*The heavens are telling the glory of God; the wonder of his work displays the firmament;
 Today that is coming speaks it the day; the night that is gone to following night.
 In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.
 The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God, our refuge and strength, inspire us by your word and bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURES Psalm 78:1-7 (pages 537, 538 in pew Bible)
Matthew 25:1-13 (page 28 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Bourke
Rev. Martin

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Crisis Management"

Rev. Robert Martin

*HYMN 15

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP (Worship)

Andy Trachsel, Chair

On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, LORD'S PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Martin

Choral Response

OFFERING / OFFERTORY *Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness*

Theodore Beck

*Doxology - 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise **Him, all creatures here below,
Praise **Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Doxology literally means "words of glory."
Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Gracious God, you give us more than we could ask. Your generosity overflows. Receive these gifts to be used for the good of many, and take our lives to be spent in your service. Amen.

*HYMN 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Choral Response

*POSTLUDE

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Wilbur Held

Worshipping With Children

- * AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children's Corner.
- * Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- * Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- * Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- * Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- * All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children's Moment.

The three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and festivals was produced by the ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts in 1992. This lectionary provides scripture readings for proclamation in worship, following the Sundays, festivals, and seasons of the Christian year (or liturgical calendar). Four scripture passages are given for each Sunday and festival: (a) the First Reading, usually from the Old Testament, but replaced by a reading from Acts during the season of Easter; (b) a Psalm; (c) the Second Reading, an Epistle or other New Testament writing; and (d) the Gospel Reading, from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. The three-year lectionary cycle (Years A, B, and C) focuses on different sections of scripture each year, notably the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C (the fourth gospel, John, is prominently featured at certain times in each year).

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 12, 2017, the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm	Psalm 78:1-7
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13

First Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

1Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3aThen I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. 14"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." 16Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." 19But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." 21And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" 22Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." 23He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." 24The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." 25So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

You can watch a broadcast of FPC Worship service on Athens Community Television.

Schedule
 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
 Monday through Friday
 and
 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday.

Minister: Rev. Robert E. Martin
 Choir Director: David Tadlock
 Organist: Janice Robison

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A friend to call in time of need

Liturgist - Margaret Bourke

Chancel Preparation - Marge Shelton

Ushers - Linda Parsons and Marge Shelton

Acolytes - Noah Heinrich and Nicky Jordan

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**Church Activities for the Week**

**SUNDAY, November 12th - 2018 Pledge Sunday**

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School for all ages, various rooms

9:45 A.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room

10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3

10:30 A.M. - Minute for Stewardship and 2018 pledges  
accepted during Worship, Sanctuary

Immediately following the Worship Service - Informational  
meeting regarding the Thanksgiving potluck meal  
(see next column)

Following Children's Moment - Children's Church,  
classrooms

11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3

11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall

11:45 A.M. - Earth Justice Group meeting with guest  
Speaker (see next column), library

**MON., 13th - Noon - AI-Anon meeting, library**

6:00 P.M. - Calliope choir rehearsal, fellowship hall

**TUES., 14th - 9:30 A.M. - Presbyterian Women's**

Coordinating Team meeting, home of Mary Jane  
Black, 13 Warwick Lane

11:30 A.M. - Presbyterian Women's "Out to Lunch",  
Applebees Restaurant. All women of the church  
are invited.

Noon - Bible study, library

5:30 P.M. - Soup Supper and Going Deeper Bible Study,  
fellowship hall (see next column)

**WED., 15th - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library**

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - College lunch and fellowship,  
fellowship hall

6:00 P.M. - Bell choir rehearsal, bell choir room

7:00 P.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

**THURS., 16th - 6:30 P.M. - Church Community Committee  
meeting, library**

7:30 P.M. - Session meeting, fellowship hall

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SUNDAY, 19th - Thanksgiving Sunday

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School for all ages, various rooms

9:45 A.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room

10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3

10:30 A.M. - Bells and Minute for Mission during Worship,
Sanctuary

Following Children's Moment - Children's Church,
classrooms

11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3

11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall

11:45 A.M. - After-Church Organ recital by Janice Robison,
Sanctuary

11:45 A.M. - Confirmation class, lounge

1:00 P.M. - Lindley Inn hymn sing, The Plains

FPC Thanksgiving Potluck Meal - a brief organizational
meeting about Thanksgiving dinner next Sunday
immediately following the service? Might be good to mention
that anybody who can't stay is welcome to call or text us at
Andrew's cell number or email him, about food they may
wish to bring and/or the number of people who will join us,
so that we can get a head count.

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**Earth Justice Group** - RA's Michelle Shively, will speak at  
the Earth Justice's meeting TODAY in Church Library at 11:45  
a.m. on watershed concerns. All are invited.

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Going Deeper Bible Study - Tuesday, November 14th
The next Going Deeper Bible Study will be this Tuesday.
Please join us for a soup supper and study. This is part of the
"Read the Bible in a Year" program. However, you do not
need to be current or participating in the program to attend!

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**After-Church Organ Recital** - Next Sunday, November 19th,  
Janice Robison will play an organ recital immediately  
following the worship service. The program will be music for  
Thanksgiving and Advent. All are invited to stay for this  
thirty-minute recital.

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Church Office Volunteers Needed - Would you like to be a
church office volunteer? Basically the only duty is someone
in the office to answer the phone and take messages. You can
volunteer for a whole day or a half day (8:30-Noon and/or
1:00-5:00). Interested? Contact Jane at the church office - 593-
3351 or office@athensfpc.org, for more info or to sign up.

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**College Lunch and Fellowship** - Thank you to all the people  
who have signed up to provide lunch for the college lunch.  
The Lunch Bunch have filled all this semester's dates, but  
would be happy to hear from anyone who wants to volunteer  
for next semester. Anyone who wants to volunteer can  
contact Jane at the church office or Lee Gregg.

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Upcoming FPC Events

November 14th - Supper and Going Deeper Bible Study, 5:30
p.m. in Fellowship Hall

November 23rd - All Church Thanksgiving Potluck, 2:00 p.m.

November 26th - Reception to Celebrate the 100th Birthday of
Mildred Woodburn, 11:30 a.m.

November 27th - Cookie Decorating, 10:00 a.m. in the church
kitchen

November 28th - Advent Celebration, 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship
Hall

December 3rd - Lighting of the First Advent Candle
Communion and Children's Crèche Presentation

December 10th - Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle during
Music Sunday with Children's Chime Choir, Special
Chancel Choir Music and Bell Choir during Worship,
10:30 a.m.

December 17th - Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle and
Puppet Ministry during Worship, 10:30 a.m.

December 24th - Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle during
the Christmas Eve Morning Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Organ Recital, 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 p.m.