



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 15, 2018, 10:30 A.M.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In the time of King David, the ark of the covenant was the principal emblem of Israel's worship, heritage, and common life, and so the move of the ark to Jerusalem was cause for much celebration. Today's lesson from 2 Samuel recounts, "David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might." Not everyone looks kindly upon the celebration, including Michal, the daughter of Saul, who scolds David and remains barren for life as a result. In John's gospel, King Herod hears of the mighty acts of Jesus' disciples, and he worries that John the Baptist, whom he agreed to have killed, had been raised. Herod is haunted by his decision to tangle with a power greater than his own.

PRELUDE

Southern Harmony/Kingsfold
Bob Stewart, Guitar & Ben Jordan, Bass

HYMN TUNES

WORDS OF WELCOME

(Please circulate the friendship forms found in the aisle seats.)

Rev. Robert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

*L: All powerful God,
P: **light us up with courage.**
L: Understanding God,
P: **light us up with knowledge.**
L: Awe-inspiring God,
P: **light us up with praise.**
L: Let us worship God together!*

Liturgist Pam Harvey

*HYMN 403

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

**God of love, in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done,
we have sinned in ignorance;
we have sinned in weakness;
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us and renew our lives
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

All My Trials Joan Baez/arr. Peter, Paul and Mary
Bob Stewart, Guitar & Ben Jordan, Bass

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for Children's Church following the Children's Moment.)

Rev. Rob Martin

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Almighty God, who hears us; as we hear you, send down upon us the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURES Ephesians 1:3-14 (pages 191, 192 in pew Bible)
II Samuel 6:1-11 (page 280 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Harvey
Rev. Martin

L. This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

From Wikipedia

"Michael Row the Boat Ashore" is a Negro spiritual. It was first noted during the American Civil War at St. Helena Island, one of the Sea Islands of South Carolina. It is cataloged as Roud Folk Song Index No. 11975. It was sung by former slaves whose owners had abandoned the island before the Union navy arrived to enforce a blockade. Charles Pickard Ware was an abolitionist and Harvard graduate who had come to supervise the plantations on St. Helena Island from 1862 to 1865, and he wrote down the song in music notation as he heard the freedmen sing it. Ware's cousin William Francis Allen reported in 1863 that the former slaves sang the song as they rowed him in a boat across Station Creek. The song was first published in 1867 in *Slave Songs of the United States* by Allen, Ware, and Lucy McKim Garrison.

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

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."

SERMON

That Was Certainly Unexpected

Rev. Robert Martin

*HYMN

Michael Row the Boat Ashore

SPIRITUAL

Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah
Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah

Sister help to trim the sails, Hallelujah
Sister help to trim the sails, Hallelujah

Jordan's river is deep and wide, Hallelujah
And I've got a home on the other side, Hallelujah

Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah
Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah

Michael's boat is a music boat, Hallelujah
Michael's boat is a music boat, Hallelujah

Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah
Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah

The trumpets sound the jubilee, Hallelujah
The trumpets sound for you and me, Hallelujah

Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah
Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Martin

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Spiritual

Charlie Haden & Hank Jones

Bob Stewart, Guitar & Ben Jordan, Bass

***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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In unison)

Dear God, receive this offering. Guide those who use it so that it may help bring fullness to their lives, meet their needs, and bring all of us closer to you. Amen.

*HYMN 386

O for a World

AZMON

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Turn, Turn, Turn

PETE SEEGER

Bob Stewart, Guitar & Ben Jordan, Bass

**REVISED COMMON
LECTIONARY**

This lectionary provides a three-year series of readings for Sunday starting with the season of Advent, four weeks before Christmas Day.

The three year cycle is split into years – A,B, and C. For each Sunday and festival, three readings and a psalm are suggested and include: a Gospel reading, an Old Testament reading, and a New Testament reading.

The lectionary is a work of The Consultation on Common Texts, an ecumenical consultation

of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada, who produce liturgical texts for use in common by North American Christian Churches.

Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read periodically in all three years and is especially frequent in Year B.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, July 15, 2018, the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm: Psalm 24**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel: Mark 6:14-29**

Psalm 24

- 1The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
- 2for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
- 3Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.
- 5They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.
- 6Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
- 7Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.
- 8Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.
- 9Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.
- 10Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Gospel Mark 6:14-29

14King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 15But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." 17For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 25Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28brought his head on a platter, and gave it to her mother. 29When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Worshiping 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.

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
CE Coordinator and Handbell Director: Kirsten Trachsel
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Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart
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Ushers - Helen King and Linda Parsons

Liturgist - Pam Harvey

Acolyte - Nicky Jordan

Today's Music By - Ben Jordan and Bob Stewart

Pianist - Janice Robison

Church Activities for the Week

SUNDAY, July 15th -

10:30 A.M. - Worship, Sanctuary / Children's Church, classrooms

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

1:00 P.M. - Lindley Inn Hymn Sing, The Plains

MON., 16th - Noon - Al-Anon, library

TUES., 17th - Noon - Bible study, library

WED., 18th - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library

THURS., 19th - No Church Community meeting

No Session meeting

SAT., 21st - 6:30 P.M. - Canoeing and fellowship, Dow Lake (see inserts in today's bulletin)

SUNDAY, July 22nd - Food Pantry Sunday

10:00 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall

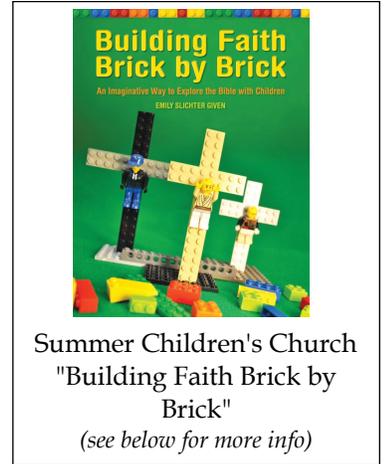
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11:35 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall



FPC Annual Sunset Canoes - Saturday, July 21st - 6:30 p.m. at Dow Lake - Mark your calendars for another great evening of nature, canoeing, and fellowship! Insert with RSVP form in today's bulletin, MONDAY is deadline.



Do you like to cycle? Would you be interested in a "Presby Peddlers" group? Fun exercise and great fellowship. If interested, contact Paul Mullins at 740-592-4695 or pbmullins@columbus.rr.com

Summer Children's Church will be utilizing the book "Building Faith Brick by Brick" by Emily Given. The children will create their own settings of Bible stories to help add meaning and understanding to the lessons. All of the morning's creations will be on exhibit after worship in Fellowship Hall. Make sure to check them out and engage the children in conversation about what they have built and what it means to them!

Fourth Sunday Food Pantry Sunday - Fourth Sunday of each month. Canned goods, non-perishables and monetary donations are always needed and welcomed. Use the brown envelopes on the back of the pew (check Food Pantry) for monetary donations. Food donations can be dropped off at the church or church office. Contact Dan Neason (592-2823), FPC representative, for more info.

Trail Mix Ministry Assembly - Snack bags are assembled the fourth Sunday of each month, 10:00-10:20 a.m. and 11:35 a.m.-Noon in Fellowship Hall. Monetary (use the brown giving envelopes and mark Trail Mix on it). In kind donations are appreciated. July's date is July 22nd.

Invitation - A Summer Musical Soiree will be presented on Wednesday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. The church is located at 64 University Terrace. Performers will include Dan Mullins, violin and piano, Marsha Reilly, piano and organ, Alex Bruno, voice, Scott Ewing, piano, Lucas Borges, trombone and Brianna Corgel, oboe. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will follow. For more information contact Marsha Reilly at mareilly1@columbus.rr.com or 740-592-2596 or 740-818-6475