

*Following worship we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall, for light refreshments. Please exit the doors at the front of the Sanctuary. We want to get to know you better!*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Ada Claire Danhof, in honor of Andy's Birthday.

**Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week:** First Presbyterian, Conway; First Presbyterian, Prairie Grove .

**Jackson House Volunteers, Monday August 14:** Jackie Edwards and Linda Glover. **Jackson House Donations in August:** Pasta and Sauce. First Presbyterian provides two people to bag and hand out groceries every Monday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. **If you'd like to volunteer, please call Jeanette Cline, 623-7233, or 701-0399.** Put your faith in action and become part of FPC's efforts to feed the poor!

**Bargain Box Volunteers, Wednesday, August 16:** Becky Sommer and Susan Paparella. **Bargain Box needs your clean, non-clothing items: household, small appliances, décor items, etc.**

**Committees Meet:** Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 p.m.

**Diaconate Meets:** Wednesday, August 23, 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

**Session Meets:** Wednesday, August 23, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Women's Wednesday Study** is on summer break through August 30, returning for study on September 6. For more information, please contact Dianna Thayer or any member of the Wednesday Study group.

**Children are always welcome** in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Childcare is also available for children who are newborn through Kindergarten in Room #208, upstairs from the Sanctuary. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up a clipboard of activities on the front row near the entry doors. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

**YOUTH:** If you are looking for information about our Youth Group here at First Presbyterian Church, check out **Instagram!** There you will find photos and the latest on what's happening regarding youth activities. Go to: **1stpresyouthhs**

**Welcome Visitors!** The bookmarks in the pew in front of you, depicting our stained glass windows, are available for all to take home. Thank you for worshiping with us! activities on the front row near the entry doors. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

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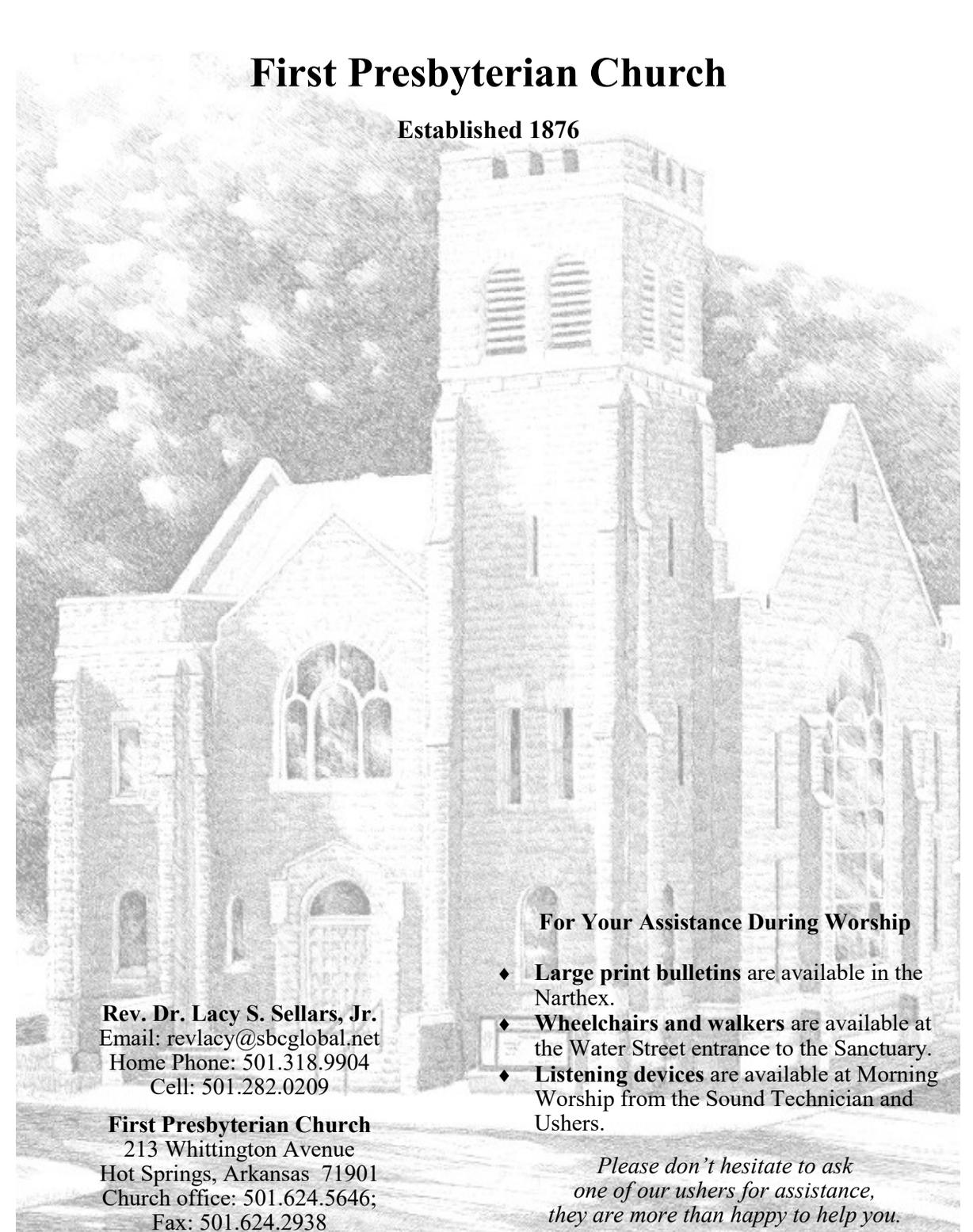
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# **First Presbyterian Church**

**Established 1876**



### **For Your Assistance During Worship**

- ◆ **Large print bulletins** are available in the Narthex.
- ◆ **Wheelchairs and walkers** are available at the Water Street entrance to the Sanctuary.
- ◆ **Listening devices** are available at Morning Worship from the Sound Technician and Ushers.

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*Please don't hesitate to ask  
one of our ushers for assistance,  
they are more than happy to help you.*

**Order of Worship**  
**August 13, 2017**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Today's Liturgist ..... Ian Poole

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Welcome Guest Pianist, Elsen Portugal

Prelude

Introit ..... *"Come, Sing Unto the Lord"* ..... Joseph M. Martin

Call to Worship..... Psalm 105: selected verses

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek God's presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered.

**People: He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn No. 562 ..... *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* .....MELITA

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Eternal God, when the tide is turned against us, we come face-to-face with our fears. When you call us to risk our faith, we lose our confidence. We ignore injustice all around us and hope that problems will simply solve themselves. You send Jesus to meet us in our darkest moments, but we fail to recognize his voice. Forgive us, Holy God. Lift us again from our fears and inspire us to hope. Restore and reorder our lives that we might walk boldly with Jesus wherever he leads, to the glory of your holy name.**

\*Silent Prayers of Confession

\*Lord Have Mercy Upon Us (Kyrrie) (Unison) ..... Hymn No. 574

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison) ..... Hymn No. 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, Amen.**

**Proclaiming the Word**

Children's Time

\*Hymn ..... *"In the Garden"* ..... see insert

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading .....Matthew 14: 22-33 ..... pg. 16, NT

Anthem ..... *"Forever Blest Is He"* ..... George F. Handel

*"Forever blest is he who serves the Lord. Forever, forever blest is he who serves the Lord. The loving God of all, the God of all mankind. Forever blest is he who serves the Lord. Joy shall be his reward. Living to serve the Lord; forever, forever, forever, forever blest is he who serves the Lord. Forever blest is he who serves the Lord."*

Sermon.....*"A Matter of the Heart"* ..... Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn No. 269 (Red Hymnbook)..... *"Jesus Calls Us"* ..... GALILEE  
*The Red Hymnbook is located in the rack underneath the pew in front of you.*

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) ..... Colossians 1: 15-20  
**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Traditional).....Hymnal, page 16

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology (Unison)..... Hymn No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Bearing the Word Into the World**

\*Benediction..... Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)