

*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 Amy Westmoreland in remembrance of her mother, Sabra Brown.

**There are still several Sundays available to sign up for Sanctuary Flowers in 2018.** The sign-up board can be found in the Fellowship Hall. Pick your date, and include your special dedication. If you do not wish to write it on the board, or if space does not allow, please call, email, or visit the office. You may do this at any time well in advance of your day. **Cost is \$38.50.**

**Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week:** First Presbyterian, Gurdon; Churches in Presbyteries in Honduras.

**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.

**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 worshipping with us!

**Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project!** The quarter tube is located in the Fellowship Hall next to the refreshment table. **Save Your Dimes!** All dimes in the offering go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles.

**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: **hspresyouth**

*Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.*

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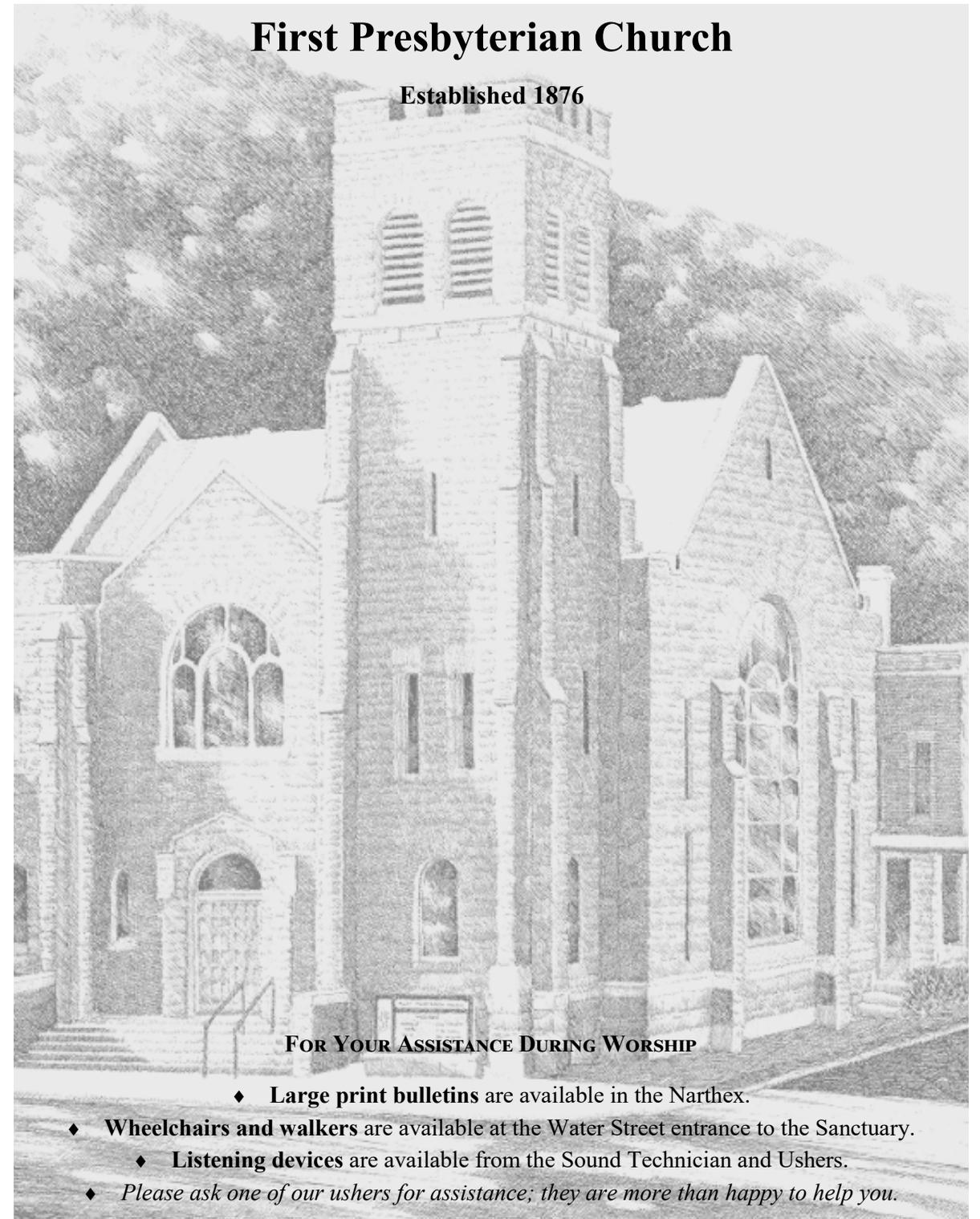
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# **First Presbyterian Church**

**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 from the Sound Technician and Ushers.
- ◆ *Please ask one of our ushers for assistance; they are more than happy to help you.*

**Order of Worship**  
**September 30, 2018**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Today's Liturgist ..... Becky Sommer

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Welcome Nicholas Damiani, Guest Organist

Prelude ..... *"Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice"* ..... Robert Elmore

Introit ..... *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* ..... Mighty Men of Music

Call to Worship ..... Reflects Psalm 124

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side when our enemies attacked us:

**People: We would have been swallowed alive when their anger was kindled against us;**

Leader: The flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us.

**People: Then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord who has not given us over as prey to their violence.

**People: We have escaped like birds from the snare of the fowlers.**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth

**People: Our worship belongs to God alone!**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn No. 268 ..... *"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"* ..... HOLY MANNA

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, if you had not been on our side, the torrents of sin would have swept us away. Deliver us from arrogance and empty vanities. Prevent us from trying to raise ourselves by lowering the position of others. Cast off our pride that we may grow in humility. Remove the barriers of self-defense and grant us the security that comes from trusting you. Teach us how to cooperate with our neighbors in mutual respect. Lead us in the lowly steps of Jesus until we die to sin and rise to new life in your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Silent Prayers of Confession

\*Lord Have Mercy Upon Us (Kyrie) (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**

The Children's Sermon

\*Hymn No. 398 (Red Hymnbook) ..... *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* ..... SWEET HOUR  
*The Red Hymnbook is located in the rack underneath the pew in front of you.*

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading ..... Mark 9: 38-50 ..... pg. 45, NT

Anthem ..... *"Lift Up Your Heads"* ..... Joseph Martin  
*"Lift up your heads, you everlasting doors; open up and let the King of glory come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord of Hosts! He is the King of glory. Alleluia, let us sing to the one eternal King. Alleluia, evermore, to the King and Lord of lords."*

Sermon ..... *"Removing Millstones"* ..... Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn No. 403 ..... *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* ..... CONVERSE

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) ..... The Apostles' Creed  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

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

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory ..... *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* ..... First Bells

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Bearing the Word Into the World**

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

Postlude ..... *"Jerusalem"* ..... C. Hubert Parry

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