

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Harvey and Sherry Miller, in celebration of Harvey's birthday.

Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week: First Presbyterian, Van Buren; First Presbyterian, Batesville.

Jackson House Volunteers Monday, October 9: *Jo Newton and Ann Hiers.* **Jackson House Donations in October:** *Canned Soup and Vegetables.*

The PW Mission Committee outreach project, **"Days for Girls,"** meet on October 12, 9:00 a.m. We are making feminine hygiene kits for girls in poor areas of over 100 countries. **"Days for Girls"** refers to the days the girls miss from school each month. We need women who can sew, cut, or iron! Please join us. We meet on the second Thursday of each month. You can read more about this project at www.daysforgirls.org

P.W. Women, please help us inflate the "Balloon of Blessings" with your annual pledge!

BARGAIN BOX: LIKE us on our new Facebook page, "First Presbyterian Bargain Box." **Bargain Box Volunteers, Wednesday, October 11:** *Sally Pierce and Kathy McConkie.* The Bargain Box Committee is opening the Bargain Box for an additional sale day, one Saturday a month. If you would be interested in volunteering to work on a Saturday, or would like more information, call Michael Carr, 627.2188, or the church office.

The Women's Wednesday Study meets every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. 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.

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!

Family Night Supper Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m.



Ken Freeman, City of Hot Springs Trails Coordinator, will be our guest speaker. The Adult Sunday School Classes will serve as hosts and the Fellowship Committee will furnish brats and beverages. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to complement the Oktoberfest theme. Please join us!

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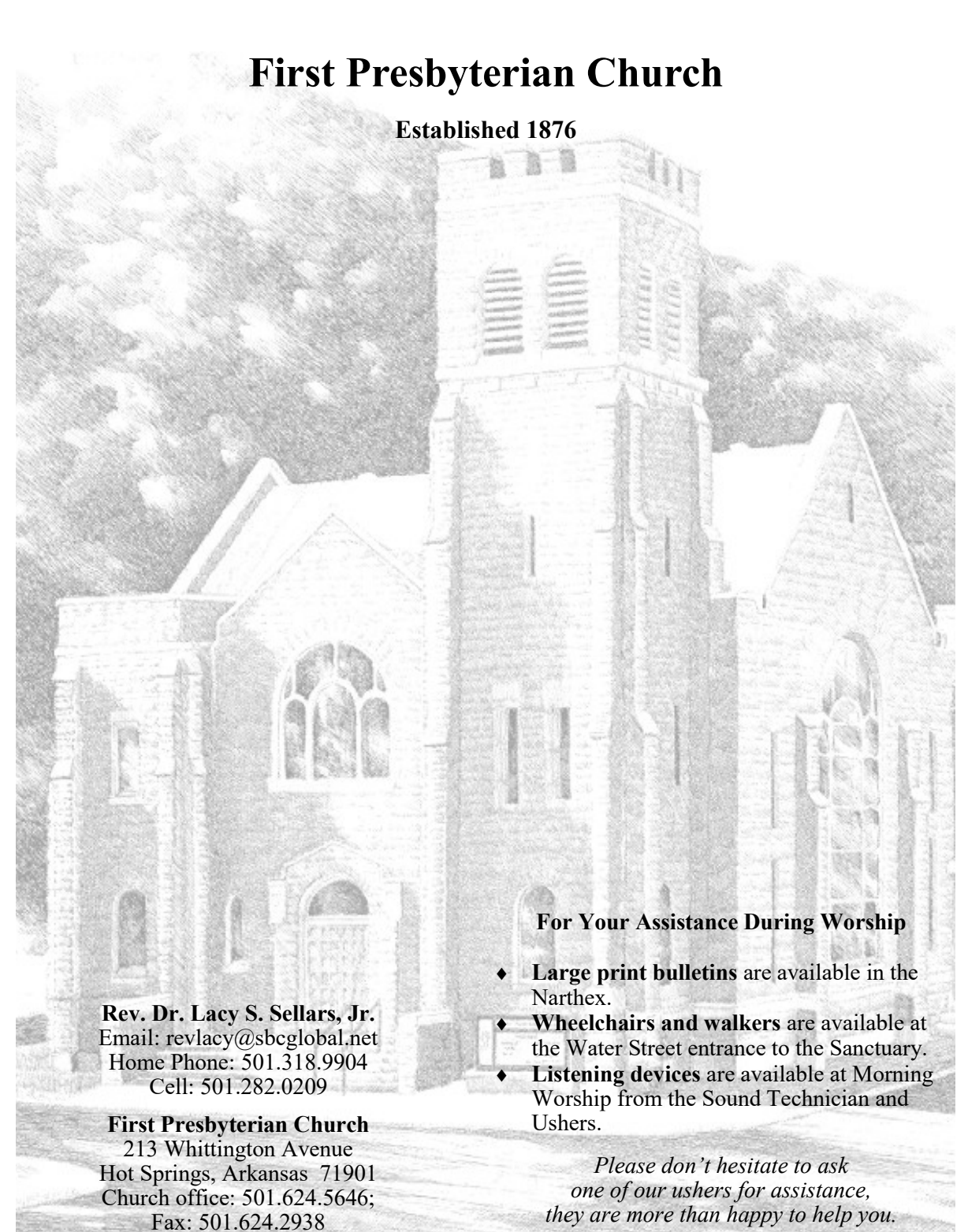
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For Your Assistance During Worship

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- ◆ **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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one of our ushers for assistance,
they are more than happy to help you.*

Order of Worship
October 8, 2017
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

Today's Liturgist Chris Chapmond

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Welcome Guest Pianist, Elsen Portugal

Prelude

Introit *"O Worship the King"* J.M. Hayton

Call to Worship Psalm 34: selected verses

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn No. 485 *"To God Be the Glory"* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your eternal kingdom. You gave us the gift of your law, but we do not keep your commandments. You sent your Son, Jesus, to save us, but we sent him to his death. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold, rejoice in your presence, and bear good fruit for the world, 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.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*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 No. 459 (Red Hymnbook).. *"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"* STORIES OF JESUS

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 5: 1-7pg. 634, OT

Anthem *"Send Out the Singers"* Stan Pethel

"Send out the singers, give Him the praise for we can't fight the battle alone; send forth the trumpets, the psaltery and harp, for God the Almighty one reigns on His throne. On the plains beyond Jerusalem the enemy gathered for war, but God's people stood in praise to Him, singing 'Glory to God evermore.' Facing forces of unnumbered size, God's people were still not afraid, and they lifted up a mighty voice saying 'this is our victory day' When the people of the Lord draw near, His power and might to proclaim; His manifest spirit will fill each heart, and victory is found in His name. Send out the singers, give Him the praise for we can't fight the battle alone; send forth the trumpets, the psaltery and harp, for God the Almighty one, God the Eternal one, God the Forever one reigns on His throne. Send out the singers, give Him the praise."

Gospel Reading Matthew 21: 33-46pg. 24, NT

Sermon *"For Love of the Vineyard"* Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 417 *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* REGENT SQUARE

*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

*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.)

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!