

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!

Announcements

We welcome as our guest speaker today the Rev. Gordon Garlington. Retired in 2016 from Park Hill Presbyterian of North Little Rock, Gordon received his B.A. from Austin College, Sherman, Texas, Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and an M.A. in history from UCA. After pastorates in Virginia and Texas, he was pastor of First Presbyterian in Bentonville from 1980-2003 and of Park Hill from 2003-2016. He and his wife, Shirley, are the parents of a son and daughter and five grandchildren.

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tim and Helen Bumpas, in memory of Pauline Gingrich.

Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week: Barr Memorial, Norman; Hopewell Church, Morrilton.

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 worshiping with us!

Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project! The quarter tube is located in the Fellowship Hall

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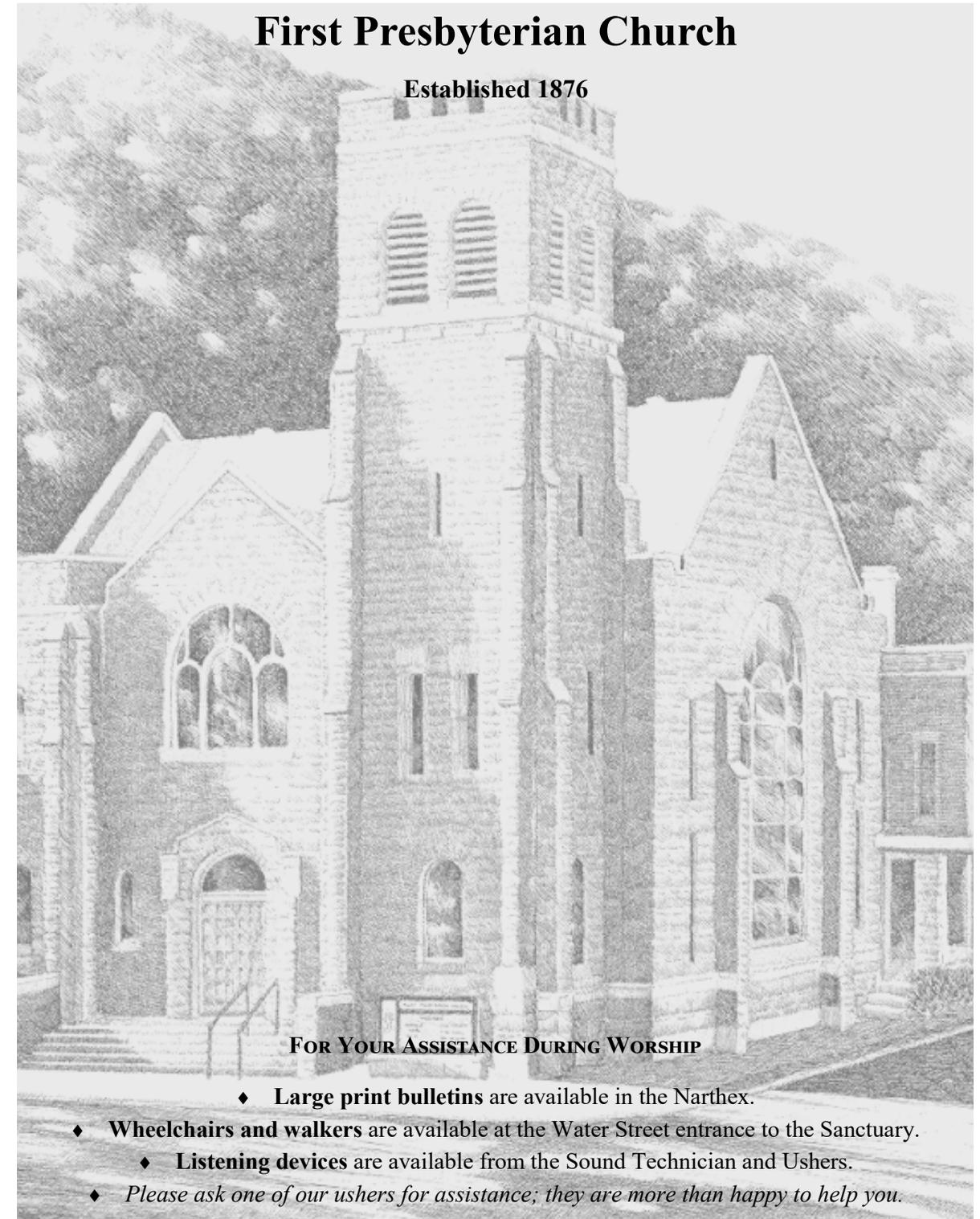
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FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE DURING WORSHIP

- ◆ **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
July 14, 2019
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

Today's Liturgist Carol Mattson

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Welcome Guest Minister, Rev. Dr. Gordon Garlington

Prelude

Call To Worship

Leader: Loving God, we come to worship you today.

People: **We come to sing, pray, and listen.**

Leader: You always hear us.

People: **Help us, we pray, to hear you. Amen!**

Prayer of Adoration (Unison)

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us, we pray, purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will and no weakness keep us from doing it; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we ask it. Amen!

*Hymn No. 150 *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* MADRID

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we confess our sin. We stray from your way. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed. Daily, through our choices, what we do and what we leave undone, we hurt you, our neighbors and ourselves. Forgive us, we pray, so filling us with your Spirit that, again and again, we may be set on the way of life, our hearts, minds and wills touched in ways leading us toward that life you yearn for us to know, abundant and eternal. In Jesus' name we ask it. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 6: 20-35pg. 589, OT

Message in Music..... ""
Deleen Davidson, Soprano

New Testament Reading James 1: 12-15pg. 229, NT
Matthew 5: 27-30; 7: 1-5pg. 5; 6-7, NT

Sermon "Weeding Our Garden"Rev. Dr. Gordon Garlington
"Can fire be carried in the bosom without burning one's clothes?"
Proverbs 6:27 (NRSV)

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 372 *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"* ... I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)from *Living Faith*, Creed of the Presbyterian Church of Canada
Disciples of Christ are called to obedience. Jesus said: "If you love me, keep my commandments." Obedience involves us totally. Yet as we give ourselves to him we discover that his service alone brings true freedom. Life in Christ is formed in a believing community, and expressed in daily living. We are to bring Christ's healing presence to the world for which he died, his peace to its pain and anguish. Life in Christ brings joy, liberty, glory. But it also brings conflict with unbelief, fear, and temptation. Throughout our lives we struggle with disheartening difficulties. Yet the Holy Spirit helps us and gives us power to grow in Christ. While we are far from perfect yet our lives can be pleasing to God and helpful to others.

Pastoral Prayer

The 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

*Hymn No. 391 *"Take My Life"* HENDON

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Dr. Gordon Garlington