

Bearing the Word Into the World

*Charge and 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Char Paul, in memory of her mother's birthday.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting today, in the Sanctuary, at the conclusion of morning worship. The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve changes in Rev. Sellars' terms of call for 2018. A copy of these changes are included in today's bulletin for your review. Please be in attendance for this brief but important meeting.

Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week: First Presbyterian, Lincoln; First Presbyterian, Heber Springs.

Jackson House Volunteers Monday, February 12: *Dianna Thayer and Billy Sisler.* **Jackson House Donations in February: Baby and toddler items, diapers, pull-ups, cereal, juice, formula, etc.** 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, February 14: *Sally Pierce and Ann Hiers.* **Won't you consider volunteering in the Bargain Box on sales days?** By giving your time you would be helping your neighbors, nursing students (scholarships), and children in distress. Please Rosemary Nipper, 501-525-0153, if you'd like to learn more, or to sign up! **LIKE us on our Facebook page, "First Presbyterian Bargain Box."**

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.

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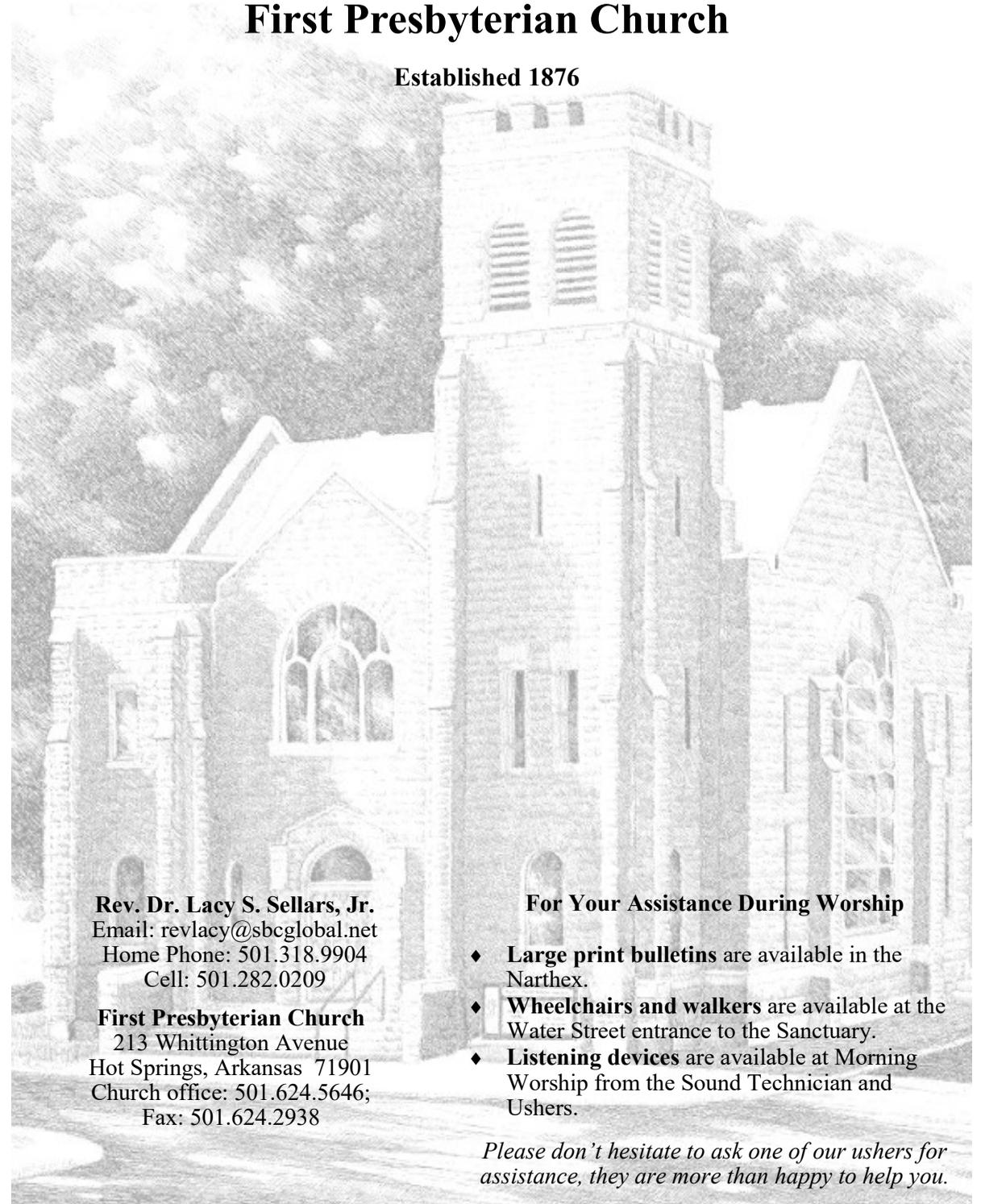
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For Your Assistance During Worship

- ◆ **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 at Morning Worship from the Sound Technician and Ushers.

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

**Order of Worship
February 11, 2018
Transfiguration of the Lord**

Gathering Around the Word

Today's Liturgist Ian Poole

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Prelude

Introit *"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"* Carl Mueller

Call to Worship Psalm 50: selected verses

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire.

People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

People: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn No. 263 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* ST. DENIO

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, take us to the mountaintop to remember Moses and Elijah, the faithful servants who listened to your voice and lived in your presence. Take us to the mountaintop to hear your Beloved Son, Jesus. Let his words lead us to act in his name to feed the hungry, care for the downtrodden and work for peace and justice in this world. Take us to the mountaintop to see the mystery of your presence and to worship you. Then bring us down from the mountaintop, so that we may work in our world to transform it into your eternal kingdom.

*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 Dawn Cattaneo

*Hymn No. 474 *"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture 2 Kings 2: 1-12 pg. 332-333, OT

Anthem *"All Because of Your Amazing Grace"* Cindy Berry

"When I think of the depths of Your mercy, when I consider Your love for me, my soul wells up with highest praise to the One who has set me free. I am amazed by the gift of Your glorious grace, Your grace that changes me, that sets me free forever. One day soon I will see Your face, all because of Your amazing grace. Grace, grace, marvelous grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; what grace, grace, infinite grace, grace that is greater than all our sin. What glorious, unending, incomparable love. Salvation is mine forever. I am amazed by the gift of Your glorious grace, Your grace that changes me, that sets me free forever. One day soon I will see Your face, all because of Your amazing grace, amazing grace."

Gospel Reading Mark 9: 2-9 pg. 44, NT

Sermon *"Where Heaven and Earth Meet"* Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 411 *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"* FESTAL SONG

*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