

*It's "Birthday Sunday" and today we honor our members and friends celebrating Birthdays in the month of September. Following worship we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for Birthday Cake. Please join us! Gifts to the Birthday Fund support scholarships for church members attending college.*

### **Announcements**

**This morning we welcome Susan Turbeville to our worship.** Susan is the Executive Director of the Haiti Education Foundation, based in El Dorado. Susan will host and guide our church's first mission trip to Haiti, which departs tomorrow, September 17 and returns on Friday, September 21. Tim and Helen Bumpas and Dick and Carol Mattson will accompany Susan, seeking the right school we can support to further the outreach of the Haiti Education Foundation. Please welcome Susan to our church, and hold our mission team in your prayers for a safe and successful journey.

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Judy Hoefler, in memory of loved ones.

**Boy Scout Troop One will hold their Annual Popcorn Sale in the Fellowship Hall, TODAY, after worship.**

**Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week:** Central Presbyterian, Pine Bluff; Church Camp Ministries.

**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!

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

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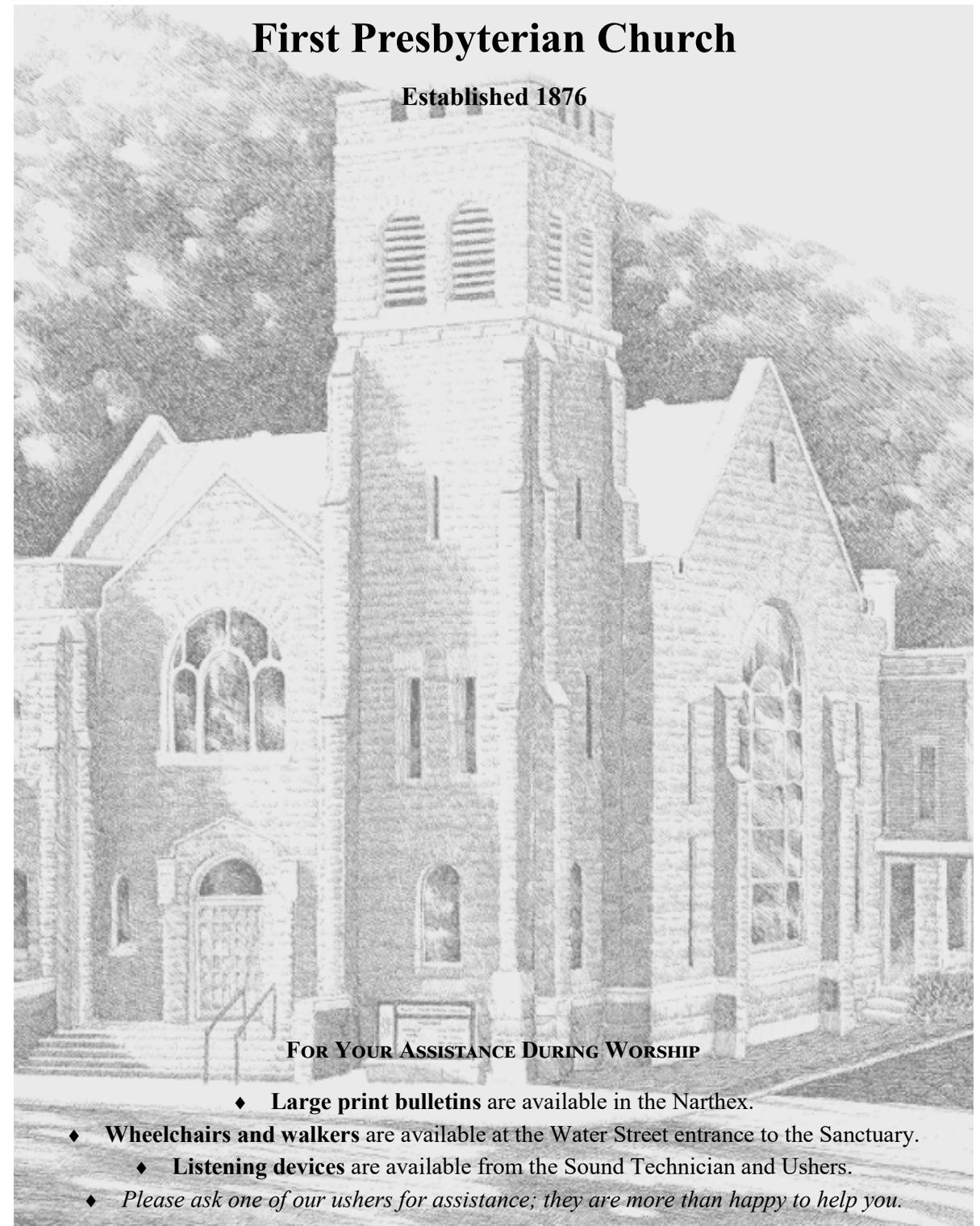
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# **First Presbyterian Church**

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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**  
**September 16, 2018**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Today's Liturgist .....Jeff Carr

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Prelude

Introit ..... *"Let Thy Holy Presence"* ..... P. Tschesnokoff

Call to Worship.....Psalm 95: 1-7

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

**People: The sea is his, for he made it, the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn No. 229 ..... *"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"* ..... LAST UNS ERFREUEN

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**O Lord our God, forgive us! We want answers that are easy, roads that are smooth, and results that are quick. Like spoiled children we want our way—and we want it now! We want one key that unlocks all doors, one potion that cures all ills, and one solution that solves all our problems. Yet, somewhere in all our searching, we leave you behind. We confess that we have traded reality for illusion, vision for blindness, and wisdom for foolishness. Forgive us, Holy God. Restore us to the image of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.**

\*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**

The Children's Sermon

\*Hymn No. 333 ..... *"Seek Ye First"* .....LAFFERTY

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading.....Romans 5: 1-5 .....pg. 155, NT

Anthem..... *"I Can Do All Things Through Christ"* ..... V.T. Ford

*"I can do all things, I can do all things through Christ, through Christ who strengtheneth me. For God has given us the spirit of power, and the spirit of love, and the spirit of a sound mind. The kingdom of God is within you. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Be strong in the Lord. Gird about with truth, and with the breastplate of righteousness. Your feet shod with the gospel of peace. Take the shield of faith, take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. Be strong in the Lord. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*

Sermon ..... *"A Song of Hope"* .....Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

**Responding to the Word**

\*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.**

Commissioning of Haiti Mission Team ..... Susan Turbeville  
Tim and Helen Bumpas  
Dick and Carol Mattson

\*Hymn No. 423 ..... *"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"* ..... DUKE STREET

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

**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.)