

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 Tim and Helen Bumpas, in celebration of Anna's 5th birthday, and in loving memory of Tim's parents.

Committees Meet: the week of August 15, Contact your Moderator for specific place, date, and time.

Session Meets: Wednesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Diaconate Meets: Wednesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week: First Presbyterian, Bentonville; Westminster, Little Rock.

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.

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: **1stpresyouths**

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.

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

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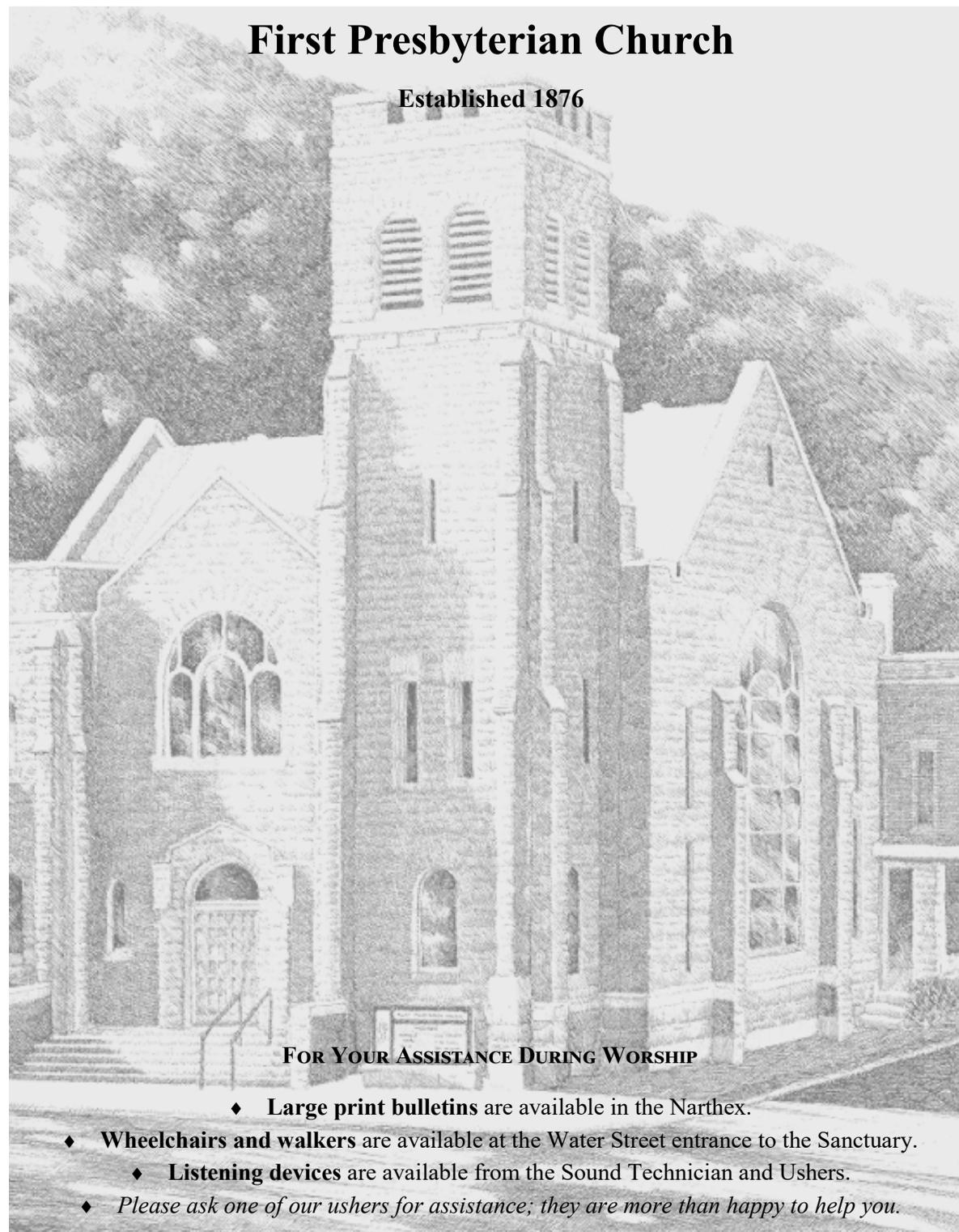
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FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE DURING WORSHIP

- ◆ **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
August 12, 2018
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

Today's Liturgist Sally Pierce

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Prelude

Introit *"We Will Glorify"* Twila Paris

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 it's boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

People: Look to him and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

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

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn No. 469 *"Morning Has Broken"* BUNESSAN

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of compassion, if you were to keep a record of our sins, Lord, who could stand? We come before you with our brokenness and wounds for all to see. We bring our anger, our bitterness, our judgmental talk, and our deceitfulness. We try to do good, but sometimes we fail. We choose to do evil, and sometimes we succeed. Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely, for without you, we have no hope. Lord, hear our prayer!

*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.

*Words of Assurance

*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. 335 *"Though I May Speak"* O WALY WALY

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading.....Ephesians 4:25—5:2pg. 194, NT

Anthem..... *"I Will Sing with the Spirit"*John Rutter

"I will sing with the spirit, I will sing with the spirit: alleluia, alleluia. I will sing with the spirit, I will sing with the spirit. Alleluia, alleluia. And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia, alleluia. I will sing with the spirit, I will sing with the spirit: alleluia, alleluia."

Sermon *"Imitators of God"*...Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Responding to the Word

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

*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the P.C.(U.S.A.) Study Catechism

Leader: How do you live for the love of God?

People: I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me. 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

*Charge and BenedictionRev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Postlude

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