

# First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, July 15, 2018

8:30 & 11:00am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.  
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.  
*"Be still and know that I am God."* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *"Prelude and Fugue in A Minor"* – Bach  
*"How Majestic is Your Name"* – arr. Carter

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 113*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.**

\* HYMN *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* *No. 417*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Lord God, we thank You and praise You that since the time of Abraham we have known Your steadfast love and mercy. We confess that while we are amazed by Samson's faith in Your power, we do not trust in that power for ourselves. Forgive us for not always drawing strength from Your gospel, too often choosing to rely only upon ourselves. Help us to learn the power of obedience strengthened by faith in our salvation. We pray together in the name of the one who made sure we could make it, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"*  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Judges 16:23-31 (OT p235)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 16:25-27 (NT p165)*

SERMON **ROMANS: FAITH FOR DUMMIES** Rev. Robert Bronkema  
*"Looks Like We Made It"*

\*HYMN *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"* *No. 303*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Have Thine Own Way"* – arr. Hustad

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*HYMN *"God of Our Life"* *No. 275*

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

\*POSTLUDE *"A Mighty Fortress"* – arr. Smith

<p><b>Next Week</b> <b>Begin new sermon series: Acts</b> 1 Kings 19:1-9 Acts 1:1-5 <i>"Are You Ready?"</i></p>
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**11:00am**

Greeting & Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship  
Everlasting God  
Overcome*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

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Scripture Reading

Judges 16:23-31; Romans 16:25-27

Sermon Series: **ROMANS: FAITH FOR DUMMIES**     *"Looks Like We Made It"*

\*Offering/Closing Song

*Build My Life*

\*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

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