

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:30am

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
"He Shall Speak Peace" - Handel
"Priere a Notre Dame" - Boellman

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 121*

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

People: **The Lord will keep you going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

* HYMN *No. 488*
"The God of Abraham Praise"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God, You call us to live in relationship with one another. Forgive us for we have taken Your scripture and chosen to take literally those verses that benefit us; those verses which are too difficult for us we call metaphors. You call us to live in community, to share all things in common, and we make claims on what is ours. You call us to love our neighbor and we choose whom we mean when You say neighbor, we choose people like us. Forgive us and help us to trust that Your Word never fails, and so we need to trust even the most difficult of words from You. We praise this in the name of the one who sacrificed everything for everyone, our Jesus. 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 David Griffith
(For those who wish, children grades K-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
"For Such a Time as This" – Martin

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Proverbs 22:1-9 (OT p604)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 4:32-37 (NT p122)*

SERMON Rev. Robert Bronkema
SERMON SERIES: ACTS
"Come on People Now"

*HYMN *No. 391*
"Take My Life"
Stanza 3: Women only
Stanza 5: Men only

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"I Need Thee Every Hour"* - arr. Beck

*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 *No. 241*
"Behold the Goodness of Our Lord"

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

*POSTLUDE *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* – arr. Hustad

<p>Next Week Numbers 12:10-16 Acts 5:1-11 <i>"This is Serious Business"</i></p>
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11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

Everlasting God

Desert Song

Hosanna

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: David Griffith

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Scripture Reading

Proverbs 22:1-9; Acts 4:32-37

Sermon: **SERMON SERIES: ACTS**

"Come on People Now"

*Offering/Closing Song

God of Justice

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
