

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 23, 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 "Peace Like a River" – arr. Colvin
"As the Deer" - Carter

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 122

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

People: **For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Your good.**

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

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, we thank You and praise You for the work of Your Spirit among us and for the gift of Your grace. We confess that we would like to forget that Your grace requires Your judgment; and testing You can have serious consequences.

Forgive us for failing to understand that as agents of Your grace, we are called to be faithful to the message of the Gospel in everything that we do. Grant us the courage to be true to Your Word. We pray together in the name of Jesus, who made Your mercy possible. 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 Ali Elias

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

ANTHEM "This is My Father's World" – arr. Berry Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 12:10-16 (OT p130)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 5:1-11 (NT p122)

SERMON **SERMON SERIES: ACTS** Rev. Robert Bronkema
"This is Serious Business"

*HYMN "O Christ, the Great Foundation" No. 443

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "May the Mind of Christ" - arr. Schrader

*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 "Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 447

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

*POSTLUDE "Allegro Maestoso" – Handel

Next Week

1 Kings 18:20, 26-29, 36-40

Acts 5:12-21a

"Don't Believe Everything You Hear"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

The Lion and the Lamb
I Will Follow
Build My Life

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Ali Elias

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Scripture Reading

Numbers 12:10-16; Acts 5:1-11

Sermon: **SERMON SERIES: ACTS**

"This is Serious Business"

*Offering/Closing Song

Head to the Heart

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
