First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 15, 2019

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

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" – Early American hymn, Owens "All Creatures of Our God and King" – German hymn, Behnke

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 10

Leader: O Lord, You will hear the desire of the meek;

You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear.

People: To do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more.

*HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (by request)

No. 455

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of love and mercy, we come together in unity to celebrate our common identity as Your children and to praise You for all of Your blessings. Together we confess the many ways that we divide ourselves that are not essential for keeping Your commandment. Forgive our tendency toward separation and false labels. Remind us that our communal witness to the transforming love of God through our salvation in Jesus Christ is the only thing that is essential. We pray as Your transformed people in the name of 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 Tess Feiler

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

ANTHEM "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" – African-American Spiritual Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (OT p163)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 15:22-35 (NT p135)

SERMON SERIES: ACTS Rev. Robert Bronkema

"In the Essentials, Unity, in the Non-essentials, Freedom"

*HYMN *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* (by request) No. 306

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Dove of Peace" – Southern Harmony, Martin

*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 "In Christ There is No East or West" No. 439

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

*POSTLUDE "In Christ There is No East or West" – Afro-American hymn, Callahan

11:00 Service

Greeting & Announcements	
*Praise & Worship Head to the Heart King of My Heart Defender	
Prayer & Peace	
Children's Message: Tess Feiler (For those who wish, children grades K-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)	
Scripture	
Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Acts 15:22-35	
Sermon: Sermon Series: Acts	"In the Essentials, Unity, in the Non-essentials, Freedom"
*Offering/Closing Song O Come to the Altar	
*Benediction	
SERMON NOTES:	

Next Week

Job 42:10-17 Acts 15:36-41 "Are Two Better Than One?"