

# First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 17, 2019

8:30am

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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 *"Festival Piece on Nicaea"* - Westenkuehler

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 18

Leader: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**People: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
so I shall be saved from my enemies.**

\*HYMN *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

No. 455

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Holy and righteous God, we thank You and praise You for creating the church and making its foundation Jesus Christ our Lord. We confess that we find it challenging to live faithfully in what feels like a hate-based world. Forgive us when we fail to call upon our faith to guide how we interact with others. Empower us with a love that lifts up each other and places a high value on all of Your children. We pray together as Your transformed people, in the name of our head, 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

Beth Feiler

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

GLORIFY PERFORMING ARTS

*"By Our Love"*

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Thessalonians 3:13 (NT p207)

SERMON

**SERMON SERIES: ACTS**

Rev. Dr. Marsha Brown Woodard

*"Now Us"*

\*HYMN

*"God Is Here!"*

No. 461

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"Christus Paradox"* – Fedak

Chancel Choir

\*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

*"Faith of Our Fathers"*

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

\*POSTLUDE

*"Postlude in G Minor"* – Bach

**11:00 Service**

Greeting & Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*I Will Follow*  
*King of My Heart*  
*What a Beautiful Name*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message: Beth Feiler

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

Glorify Performing Arts           *“By Our Love”*

Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Sermon           *“Now Us”*

\*Offering/Closing Song

*Who You Say I Am*

\*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

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**Next Week** (starting a new series)  
***A Season in the Lectionary***  
Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Luke 23:33-43  
*“Not the Kind of Kingdom  
That You Would Expect”*