



..... We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Our God is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor,
and worthy of our highest praise.

Who is like the Lord?

Our God blew back the waters, prepared a path through the sea,
and appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

Who is like the Lord?

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!

*Prayer of the Day

*Hymn: 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

<https://hymnary.org/page/fetch/GG2013/571/high>

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess.

We are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short, for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you.

We are slow to show the same mercy to others. We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts, rather than offering the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves.

(Silence for personal confession)

Forgive us God of grace.

We strive to be more faithful, Lord; we want to be more loving. So, we kneel before you once again to ask for patience and grace Transform us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us, until it flows forth from us through acts of love.

Assurance of Pardon

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

*Sharing in Peace

Thanks be to God: Christ makes us one.
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

..... We Listen

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 103: 8-13

Children's Sermon

Anthem: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

arr. William Cutter

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: "Grace Math"

Kevin Ireland

We Respond

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Glory to God, p. 35

*Hymn: 619 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

<https://hymnary.org/page/fetch/CH1995/22/high>

Prayers of the People

This will be different today. I ask that you leave a request in the comments for a prayer you're comfortable sharing with the general public. If it's private or sensitive, please e-mail me at kireland@flourtownpres.org and I will share it with our elders and deacons to pray for this week.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation for Offering

Offertory

For a worship service to be decent and in order, it requires an offering. So we'll stay in order. I say what I'm about and not in spirit different than I would on a Sunday morning, that these are gifts given in humility and joy. But when we cancel service, it doesn't cancel the bills. So if you normally share an offering please consider bringing it the next time you come or checking out our online giving portal: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCSdonate>

*Presentation of Offering: Doxology

Old Hundredth

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

We Follow

*Hymn: 754 Help Us Accept Each Other

<https://hymnary.org/page/fetch/GG2013/932/low>

*Benediction and Log Off



First Presbyterian Church in Springfield

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield! We are a welcoming congregation that seeks to cultivate and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in a community of learning, healing and sharing. It is our prayer that this will be a meaningful time of challenge and encouragement. Wherever you may be on your faith journey, there is a place for you to participate here. Childcare is available for children up to three years old in the Nursery.



The flowers today are presented by Linda Phelps, wife and daughter, and are "in loving honor of Davis' and my dad's birthday on Sept. 13."

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Pastor's Contact Information -

You may reach Kevin Patrick Ireland by calling (215) 284-6390 and leaving a voicemail or by emailing kireland@flourtownpres.org.

E-blast and Prayer Chain -

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain or the church news e-blast list (or both), please e-mail cindyg@flourtownpres.org or call 215-233-3223 and leave a message.

Cradles to Crayons and Books Through Bars -

Community Outreach is collecting books during September to benefit two organizations: Cradles to Crayons and Books Through Bars.

Please drop off books (new or gently used children's books from infancy through age 12 as well as paperback dictionaries) in the designated boxes in the church entryway. Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase books for both organizations.

Contact Beth Cox or Sheryl Armington with any questions.

Sundays in September:

13 Outside Service/ Virtual Service
20 Outside Service/ Virtual Service
27 Virtual Service (prerecorded)