

***PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads, and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lucy Nielsen

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Compassionate God, through these scriptures that we read today, teach us that we are called not simply to listen or speak, but to act. May your Word inspire us to live out our faith as agents of your grace, compassion, mercy and love. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – James 1:17-27

SERMON

Just do it – Show the way!

*HYMN

“Be Doers Of the Word Of God”

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By Carolyn Winfrey-Gillette from her book *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Every generous act of giving, as with every perfect gift, is from above. May God’s word of truth bloom in our generosity and acts of loving faithfulness. May we become doers of God’s word. Amen.

OFFERING (All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY

Dove of Peace

American folk Melody/arr. Kosche

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of light and beauty, every gift is from you. Even our ability to give is a blessing of your love. We offer you what we have and what we are. Use our gifts to give birth to a world of peace where none are in need and where all draw close to your grace. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Take and eat the bread when it is passed to you.

Take the cup and hold it until the entire congregation has been served. We drink the cup together as a sign of unity in the Body of Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, to be doers of your word, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

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During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Revive Ministries: Horizon Recovery & Counseling Center and The Unity Houses.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Joyful Praise
Eugene Butler

*(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK AND
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

8:30 AM – CELEBRATE SERVICE (CONTEMPORARY STYLE)

9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30 AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE

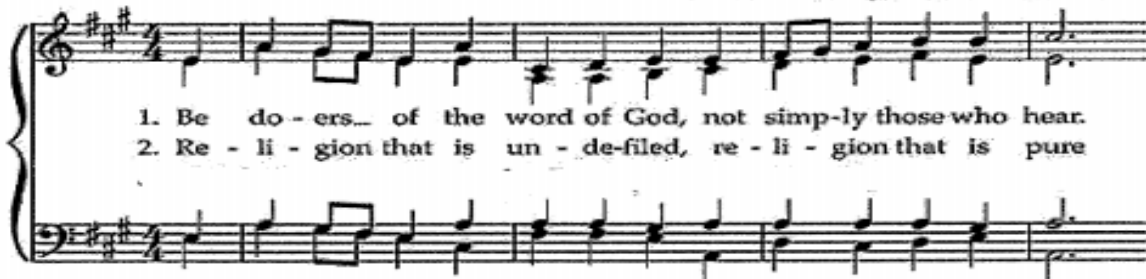
12:00 PM – STRATEGIC PLANNING LISTENING SESSION AND LUNCH
(ALL ARE WELCOME!)

Be Doers of the Word of God

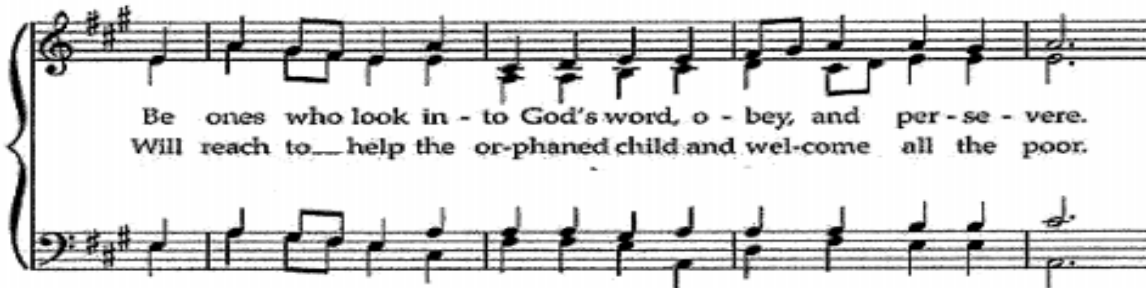
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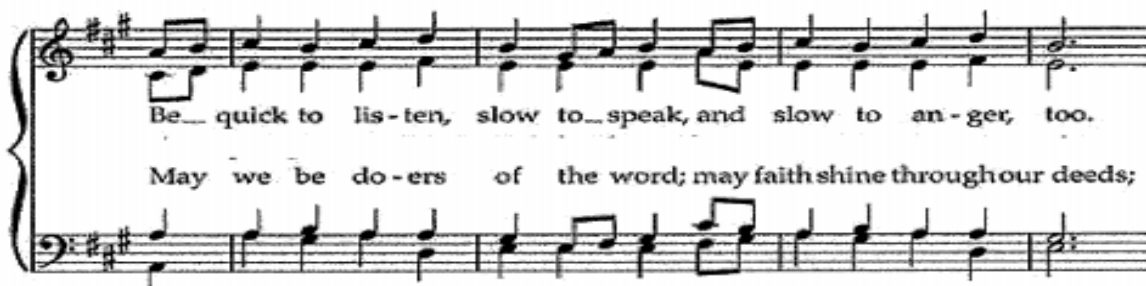
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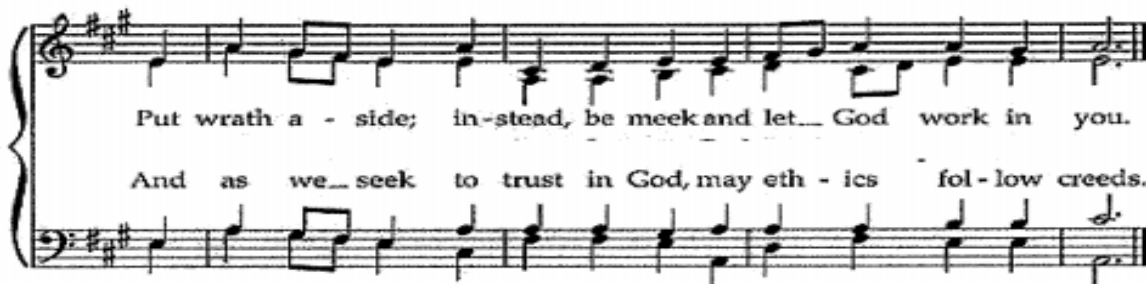
1. Be do - ers... of the word of God, not simp-ly those who hear.
2. Re - li - gion that is un - de-filed, re - li - gion that is pure



Be ones who look in - to God's word, o - bey, and per - se - vere.
Will reach to... help the or-phaned child and wel-come all the poor.



Be... quick to lis-ten, slow to... speak, and slow to an-ger, too.
May we be do - ers of the word; may faith shine throughour deeds;



Put wrath a - side; in-stead, be meek and let... God work in you.
And as we... seek to trust in God, may eth - ics fol - low creeds.

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September 2, 2018:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by Les & JoAnn Seiler.

Today's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village - today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Jean Matheny in the office at 402-462-5147 or jean@fpchastings.org.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Dawna Whitcomb at 402-469-4805 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in memory of Dr. and Mrs. William A. McCall by the family.

Ushers (Team #1): Chuck Hastings – Captain, Luke Brooks, LaVern Franzen, Roger Sunderman

Greeters: Brian & Laurie Johnson, and Jill Kramer

Acolytes: Campbell Schukei, Shannon Canady

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abigail Shetler

September Communion Offering goes toward Revive Ministries

Revive Ministries: Horizon Recovery & Counseling, and the Unity House is an Outpatient Drug and Alcohol treatment facility. We also operate three sober living houses (2 for men and 1 for women). These houses offer people a sober living environment where they can learn skills to help them live a sober life. Donations received go into a sponsorship account that is used to give a hand-up not a hand-out to people who are struggling financially to pay for treatment.

FPC Prayers for:

Judy Brown	Elmer Heeren	Zelma Fobben
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Lois Katt (Barbara Sunderman's Mom)	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Mary Kay LaMaster	Richard & Wanda Langer	Arlene Kort
Ramona Shetler	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Carolyn Nowka & families
Audery Watson	Georgette Smidt (Ted Schroeder's sister)	Gayle Fandry
Lori & Bert Wright	Connie Meyer (Daveta Brader's sister-in-law)	Gary & Carol Grummert
Dylan Croon		

*Former church member **Nancy Langford** is experiencing several serious health challenges. Since she now lives in North Carolina near family, what we can do for her is limited, but she does appreciate greeting cards. Please send cards (handcrafted, mass-produced, funny, serious, inspirational, beautiful, whatever) to: Nancy Langford. 605 Tuttle Rd., Durham, NC 27703.*

In Memory of

❖ **Shirley McKenzie Hoffman**, Rich McKenzie's sister and former member of First Presbyterian, passed away recently in Overland Park, KS

This Week at FPC --- September 3 – September 9, 2018

Mon, Sept 3	Labor Day Holiday 7:30p-9:30p 6:00p-8:00p	Church Offices Closed Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal in Choir Room Mexican Dance Troupe Rehearsal in the FPC Annex NW Classroom
Tues, Sept 4	12:00p-6:00p 10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 1:00p 5:30p-6:30p	Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office Bible Study in Anderson Conference Room Quilters meet in Annex WAM Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
Wed, Sept 5	7:00a-8:00a 11:00a-11:45a 11:45a-1:45p 4:00p-8:15p 6:45p-7:30p 7:30p-8:15p 6:30p-8:00p	Bible at Breakfast in the Parlor PW Coordinating Team Meeting in the Library PW Lunch/Business Meeting in Fellowship Hall WNL Chancel Choir Chancel Bells Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
Thurs, Sept 6	11:30a-12:30p 5:30p-6:30p 6:00p-7:00p	Soup Group for Women in the Library Christian Ed Meeting in the Parlor Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Sept 7	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Sept 9	9:15a-10:15a 9:15a-10:15a 10:30a 12:00p-1:00p	Sunday School for all ages! Acolyte Training: 5th-8th Grade in the Sanctuary Traditional Worship Service Strategic Planning Sharing Session (with lunch) in Fellowship Hall

Presbyterian Women September Luncheon @ 11:45a, September 5, 2018.
Join us for the Fall PW luncheon. Kili Wenburg will introduce the new PW Bible Study.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

When: Sunday, September 9
Time: 9:15am-10:15am
Who: 4th through 8th Graders and **Parents**
Where: FPC Sanctuary



Would you like to live "unafraid"?

We know Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid," but with everything going on in the world, how is it possible not to be anxious? In this five-week study based on the book *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton, participants will learn to identify fears and discover practical steps for overcoming them in the light of Scripture and faith. All adults are welcome to join the **Heirs Apparent class** for this timely study, Sunday mornings in the Anderson Conference Room, 9:15-10:15 a.m., beginning September 9.

New Member Classes Begin Soon!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or if you're simply curious about what membership might mean, you are warmly invited to attend our three-session New Member course, which will cover Presbyterian history, theology, local structures, and involvement opportunities. Classes will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on three Wednesday afternoons: Sep. 12, 19, and 26. Each session includes complimentary meal and childcare. *Please contact the church office to RSVP (402-462-5147).*

Wednesday Morning Bible @ Breakfast Begins this Week!

The Wednesday morning Bible@Breakfast group will be studying the book *Days of Awe and Wonder: How to Be a Christian in the Twenty-first Century*, a collection of speeches by Marcus Borg. Weekly 7 a.m. gatherings (including breakfast!) will begin on September 5. All are welcome Please order your copy of the book from your favorite book seller. The late Marcus Borg was "*acclaimed for his ability to speak about Christianity in the context of contemporary society. He offered profound wisdom and inspiration for believers, students, and lay readers.*"

On Grandparents Day, we call on members of all generations to do something GRAND! More than 7.8 million children in the U.S. live with grandparents or other relatives. Future generations face challenges in areas of faith, finance, health, and education, but past generations faced these as well; how can the wisdom of experience be passed along? How many grandparent/grandchild Bible character pairs can you name? **The September 9 (Grandparents Day) Forum will touch on all these topics and more.** It will be a fun and informative time with attention given to how our spiritual lives are impacted by our family relationships. *New Classroom, 9:15 a.m.*

Women's Group Focuses on Self Care

This Thursday (09/06/18), Soup Group returns for the fall. Soup Group provides women with encouraging and informative lunchtime conversations based on TED Talks. This year's theme is "Self Care," and the first talk is on "emotional first aid." Bring your lunch, and bring a friend. Free child care will be provided.

Noon - 1:00 in the church library.

FYI Boy Scouts Troop 200 history is now on the FPC website...fpchastings.org under the Children & Youth menu tab. Check it out.

College Planning Workshop is for Parents and Students Grades 8-12

It's never too early to start planning for college nor too late to get the help you need! FPC is hosting a free, community-oriented workshop featuring expert facilitator Andrew Hunzeker with the Education Quest Foundation. Endorsed by local middle and high school guidance counselors, Education Quest offers free, unbiased info and assistance for all families, enabling them to navigate the many questions about college, such as *What does it really cost? Where do we find financial assistance? How do I know which school is best for me? What do I need to be thinking about at each grade level?*

Thursday, September 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, the **LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits.

- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction.
- Areas of study include: piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Grants are limited to one per child.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms will be available in the church office starting *September 1, 2018*.

- DEADLINE FOR THE FALL 2018 GRANT PROGRAM IS OCTOBER 1, 2018.
- ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.

Questions regarding this program? Please call the church office, 402-462-5147.

It has been a challenging summer for our church. Over a three week period we held five funerals of beloved church members. Beyond our members, many of us also lost family members and friends. As a result, we will be starting a **Men's grief group** at the church. It will be co-facilitated by Pastor Greg and Dale Behrens. We will be using the book *"Praying Our Goodbyes"* by Joyce Rupp. We will meet eight times starting Monday, **Sept. 10** at 12:00-1:00 in the Kessler Conference Room.

5 week sermon series A Working Faith: How to live our faith in action!

September 2: Just do it – Show the way!
James 1:17-27

September 9: Body and Soul
James 2:1-10

September 16: Taming the Tongue
James 3:1-12

September 23: The Good Life
James 3:13-4:3

September 30: Powerful Prayer
James 5:13-20

