



# *First Presbyterian Church*

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# Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

October 14, 2018

11:00am

21st Sunday after Pentecost

## DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

### Welcome and Greeting

*(Please complete Prayer Concerns)*

### Gathering Prayer:

Keeping God as the center of preaching involves telling the stories of faith so well that God's invisible presence becomes visible, so that we can catch sight of God's intervention in the past and in the present. *Marva Dawn*

### Prelude:

### Call to Worship:

When work lays claim to us, and busy-ness entices,

**Jesus says, put first things first.**

When we put pressure on ourselves to be more—better—faster—

**Jesus says, put first things first.**

When decisions loom, and choices multiply,

**Jesus says, put first things first.**

When worries wake us up at night,

**Jesus says, put first things first.**

When faith makes its claim on our lives,

**Jesus says, put first things first.**

**Come, let us worship God.**

**\*Opening Song of Praise:** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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(Prayer Concerns collected)

## AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

### \*Call to Confession:

Let us confess the things we place first which belong last, and the things which should be last which become our priorities.

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

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**We know the commandments:****You shall not murder;****you shall not commit adultery;****you shall not steal;****you shall not bear false witness;****you shall not defraud;****honor your father and your mother.**

**We are sure we follow them, but instead, we cannot let go of the things we think we need or what we think is important. We do not follow you, or love you, O God, with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to you. Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, and our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. Amen.**

*\*Time of Silent Prayer***\*Declaration of Forgiveness:**

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**Camels go through needles' eyes. People give from the depths of their hearts. For God all things are possible. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Passing of Peace:**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*Gloria Patri:** "Glory Be To The Father"

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**\*Our Faithful Response:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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**Time with Young Disciples** - *Sing #2233 "Where Children Belong" as they gather*

## LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Lessons:

### Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Then Job answered: <sup>2</sup>“Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. <sup>3</sup>Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! <sup>4</sup>I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup>I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. <sup>6</sup>Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. <sup>7</sup>There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. <sup>8</sup>“If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; <sup>9</sup>on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

<sup>16</sup>God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me;<sup>17</sup>If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

### Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup>As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

**Sermon:** "The Freedom to Lament"

**The Rev. Leslie Latham**

## **RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed**

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Response:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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**Pastoral Prayer and 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 to the Offering**

All that we have – our lives, our possessions – comes from God, to whom we owe everything. Come, then, and give, for Scripture tells us that in giving, we will have treasure in heaven. Come! Give!

**Offertory:**

**\*Praising God's Goodness:** Doxology

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**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

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**Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to leave everything behind and follow you. Give us the courage to fulfill your will so that with everything we do and say we can become a living offering worthy of being called your disciples. Amen.**

## ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

**\*Hymn of Sending:** "You Are Mine"

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:**

\* Those who are able, please stand

### WORSHIP AIDS:

**Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices** – available from ushers.

**Children's Sanctuary** - at the rear of the church

**Baby Changing Tables** - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.

**Deacon's Prayer Chain** - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.

### New Prayer Concerns or Joys

1. Alvin Marohn – surgery this week
2. Jon Apple – at South Buffalo Mercy Hospital
3. Ruth Weber – had surgery at South Buffalo Mercy Hospital

**Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:** Pat & Bob Erisman, Scott Greenawalt, and Judy Geerkin.

**Continuing Prayers:** Scott Greenawalt and Ruth Weber.

**Prayers and caring for our homebound:** Lillian Manning; Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; J. Robert Weber; Ruth Weber; Richard Weber; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Wilma Bender; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Margaret McBride; and Sue Strasser

*Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.*

*We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319*

**LITURGIST:** Diane Charsley

**GREETERS:** Cheryl Yurek and Family

**USHERS:** Team 3

**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

**REMINDER:** Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

**Sub Sandwich Luncheon: TODAY,** October 14 right after worship. The Deacons are sponsoring a Sub Sandwich Luncheon right after church. Bring a can of beef stew, chili, baked beans or hearty soup for donation to Hearts For The Homeless. Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used for the Mission Trip to Puerto Rico.

**Service of Blessing and Healing:** Wednesday, October 17 @ 6:30pm at First Presbyterian Church 149 Broad Street, Tonawanda, will hold an evening service devoted to healing and wholeness, which will include communion. This is a "come as you are" service, open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness for their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join us in the sanctuary.

**New Bible Study Class:** The Christian Education Committee is offering a Bible Study, "God's Promise, I Am With You," beginning October 28 right after church. This class will meet the fourth Sunday of every month. Any questions, contact Nancy Bassett.

**Hunger Sunday:** Don't forget that the third Sunday of the month is **Hunger Sunday**. Food and cash donations are welcome and proceeds are donated to the Twin Cities Community Outreach. Next one is October 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support!

**Adopt-A-Chair:** The church is collecting funds to purchase new, comfortable folding chairs to be used in the parlor with the round tables. The cost is \$20.00 each and checks can be made payable to 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church and indicate on the memo line, "chairs." Tom and Leslie Dugan have graciously offered to pick up the chairs at Sam's Club. Any questions, see Laura Marohn or Leslie Dugan.

**All Saint's Day:** Sunday, November 4 – As in the past, members and friends of our congregation are invited to list the names of loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant. The form is due back in the church office by October 28. See the insert in the bulletin for more details.

**Youth Group Chowder Sale:** Sunday, November 4 at 12:15pm. The cost will be \$5.00 for all you can eat here and \$5.00/quart for takeout. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you would like to donate ingredients, there is a separate sign-up sheet for that in the Narthex. Also, the Youth Group will be prepping the ingredients on Saturday, November 3 at 6:30pm and would appreciate any help.

October 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>14</b> Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a  Sub Sandwich Luncheon 12:15pm	<b>15</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p  <b>CE Mtg 6p</b>  <b>Session 7p</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>Memory Lane</b> <b>10:30a-2:30p</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Circle II 9a</b>  <b>Healing Service</b> <b>6:30p</b>	<b>18</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness Class 6:30p  <b>H4W Rehearsal</b> <b>6:30p</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>7:30p</b>	<b>19</b> <b>UFO 7P</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Sunday School 9:30a  <b>Sunday School Teacher</b> <b>Meeting 10:30a</b>  <b>Worship 11a</b> <b>Hunger Sunday</b>	<b>22</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Circle II 9a</b>	<b>25</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness Class 6:30p  <b>H4W Rehearsal</b> <b>6:30p</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>7:30p</b>	<b>26</b> <b>UFO 7P</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Reformation Sunday  Bible Study 12:15pm	<b>29</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Circle II 9a			
November 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>***Daylight Savings</b> <b>Ends on 11/4 @ 2am.</b> <b>Clocks go back an</b> <b>hour!</b>				<b>1</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness Class 6:30p  <b>H4W 6:30p</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>7:30p</b>	<b>2</b> <b>UFO 7P</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Chowder Prep</b> <b>6:30p</b>
<b>4</b> Sunday School 9:30a Worship/Communion 11a All Saints' Day  Youth Group Chowder Sale 12:15p	<b>5</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>6</b> <b>Deacons 1p</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Circle II</b> <b>"Happy Holiday</b> <b>Sale" 10a-1:30p</b>	<b>8</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness Class 6:30p  <b>Worship Mtg 6p</b>  <b>H4W 6:30p</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>7:30p</b>	<b>9</b> <b>UFO 7P</b>	<b>10</b>