

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)      The Apostles' Creed  
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.

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer      Choral Amen  
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.

Call to Stewardship  
All undesignated cash goes to the Transient Fund.

Offertory      Felix Mendelssohn  
Sonata VI: Andante”

\*Congregational Response      Hymn 606      Old Hundredth  
Doxology  
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer  
Bearing and Following the Word into the World

\*Hymn 729      I Want To Be A Christian  
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

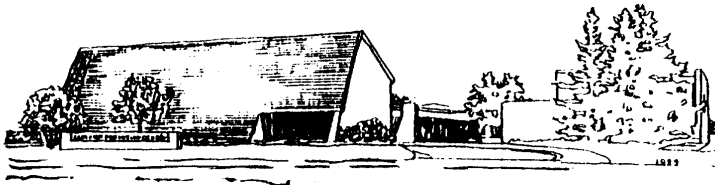
\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Choral Response      David H. Williams  
Sanctuary Choir  
Peace I leave with you,  
my peace I give unto you. Amen

\*Peace of Christ  
The peace of Christ be with you  
And also with you

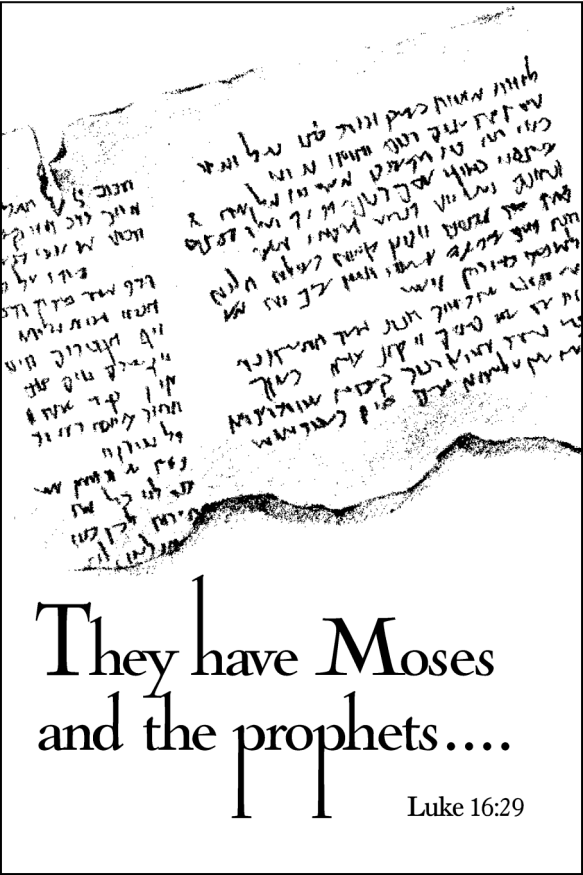
\*Closing Voluntary      William Boyce  
“Symphony No. 4: Gavotte”



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## THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

September 29, 2019 10:40 A.M.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*\*The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.  
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. ***(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshiping near you.)***

### Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary "Prayer" Erik Whitehill  
(Be Still My Soul)  
Sanctuary Handbells

Entrance of Baptismal Water, the Christ Light,  
and the Bible

### Call to Worship (Responsive)

When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord.

**I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them.**

With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

### Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn 15 *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*  
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you love...**

### Silent Confession...

### Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

### Proclaiming the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry "Ivory Palaces" Henry Barraclough  
Sanctuary Choir Arr. John W. Fields

My Lord has garments so wondrous fine,  
and myrrh their texture fills;  
Its fragrance reached to this heart of mine,  
with joy my being thrills.

*Out of the ivory palaces into a world of woe,  
Only His great eternal love, made my Savior go.*

His life had also its sorrows sore, for aloes had a part;  
and when I think of the cross He bore,  
my eyes with teardrops start.

In garments glorious He will come,  
to open wide the door;  
and I shall enter my heavenly home,  
to dwell forever more.

### Children's Time

The Rev. David A. Slyter

### Children's Worship

*Children up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may leave the Sanctuary at this time. Following worship, parents should pick up their child in room 6.*

### First Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

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The Word of God for the People of God

**Thanks be to God.**

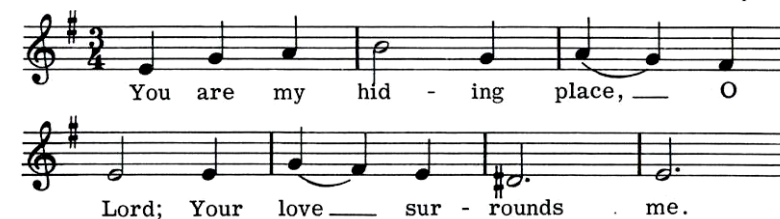
Psalms 91:1-6; 14-16

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### Second Reading

Luke 16:19-31

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**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 630

*Crusaders' Hymn*

"Fairest Lord Jesus"