

*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 Compassion Fund.

Offertory Hymn 173 Fred Kimball Graham
"A Woman and a Coin"
Sanctuary Choir

*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 697 *Hendon*
"Take My Life"

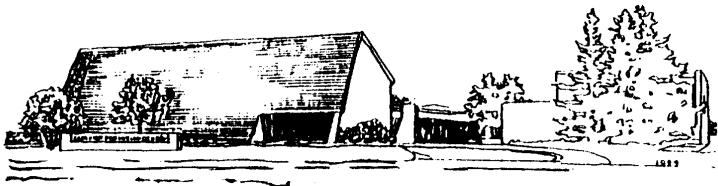
*Invitation to Discipleship

*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 Samuel Scheidt
"God the Father, Be Our Stay"



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

September 15, 2019 10:40 A.M.

Fourteenth 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 worshipping near you.)***

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary arr. Clay Christiansen
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Let us bow before our Creator,
**whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,
whose Word has the power to create, to
judge, and to save.**
Come, let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 619 *Lauda Anima*
"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are
in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this
hour, that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness.**

**In judgement, illumine our darkness. In mercy,
bear us home—until we recognize your presence
wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life
is restored.**

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 J.S. Bach
"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"
Sanctuary Choir

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom,
Love most bright. Drawn by Thee,
our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned
with the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown,
soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Children's Moment

The Rev. David A. Slyter

Children's Worship

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

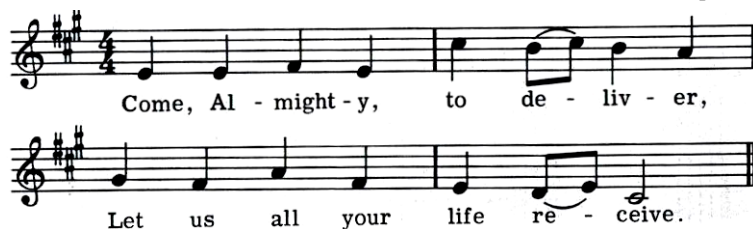
First Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17
Pew Bible: Page 208

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14 Pew Bible Page 495 Cantor: John Fields

Refrain John Zundel
Arr. Hal H. Hopson



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Second Reading

Luke 15:1-10
Pew Bible: Page 78

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Sermon

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 649 *Amazing Grace*
"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"