

***Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church***  
*Please join us for fellowship and our Homecoming Picnic in the courtyard immediately following the service.*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Homecoming Sunday**  
**September 8, 2019 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*“Rondeau”*

by Jean Mouret,  
arr. David Thomas  
Brass Ensemble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the red “friendship pads” found at the end of each pew by the center aisle. Note the names of those worshipping around you as you pass the pad back. We encourage you to greet each other after the service.)

INTROIT

*“Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord”* Donovan Klotzbeacher  
(Ps. 113:1-2) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Marie Branigan

We gather as the family of God,  
**bound together in the body of Christ.**  
We gather as the children of God,  
**called together in the presence of the Spirit.**  
We gather this day to worship God  
**and join our lives in the life of the church.**

HYMN #32 (Hymnal)\*

*“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

CALL TO CONFESSION\*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**O God, you are the potter, shaping the world and molding our spirits. Your creation is an act of grace and your every word a fountain of life. Mold and shape us once again, O God, as we confess our sins before you. Drip the water of your Spirit onto our dry and cracking edges and push us with your gentle fingers to reflect your handiwork. Create love where there is hatred, deep faith where there is shallow religion, generosity where there**

is selfish greed, and wholeness where there are shattered pieces. For we know that your work is not complete in us, and that our lives are made complete in you. Amen

SILENT MEDITATION\*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS\*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)\*

*"Gloria Patri"*

THE PEACE\*

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE      Blessing of the Backpacks      Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE      Psalm 1      Ron Perry  
Pew Bible pg. 489

ANTHEM      *"O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord"*      L. Stanley Glarum  
(Ps. 95)      (1908-1976)  
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE      Jeremiah 18:1-11      Pew Bible pg. 720

SERMON      "In the Potter's Hands"      Rev. Marie Branigan

HYMN\*      *"Have Thine Own Way"*      (See page 10)

### **THE RESPONSE**

MINUTE FOR MISSION      Transition Team

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS      Rev. Hannah Lovaglio  
Offertory      *"How Great Thou Art"*  
by Stuart Hine,  
arr. Gary Slechta  
Brass Ensemble

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)\*  
Prayer of Dedication\*

*"Doxology"*

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

HYMN #525 (Hymnal/Seated)      *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

INVITATION      Rev. Lovaglio

## PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Branigan

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us. With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Lovaglio

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Communion this morning will be by Intinction. Please allow the choirs to receive communion before coming forward. Those seated near the outside aisles should move toward the back of the sanctuary then up the center aisle. Those seated convenient to the center aisle will follow the side aisle group up the center aisle starting with those in the back. (Ushers will cue each section and serve those who choose to remain seated).*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #697 (Hymnal)\*

*“Take My Life”*

RESPONSE\*

*Choral Amen*

The Chorale

BENEDICTION\*

Rev. Branigan

POSTLUDE\*

*“Freu dich sehr”  
(Praise to Thee and Adoration)*

Georg Boehm  
Organ

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Visitors!** We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to our Greeter or one of our Pastors after worship for more information; or if you would like to be contacted, please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red “friendship pad”.

**Children are welcome in worship!** Worship materials for children are available in the Narthex and are offered with the hope that children who want to will be able to worship alongside the whole church family. Children are also invited to come forward for the children’s message, and nursery care is available throughout the service. Find the way to worship that works best for your family!

**Hearing devices** are available for your convenience in the Narthex.

**Large print bulletins and hymnals** are available in the Narthex.

**Communion Servers** are Sue Britton, Michael Lovaglio, Rev. Joanne Petto and Kirstie Venanzi.

**Flowers** in the narthex are in honor of Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha, in celebration of her 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

**Coffee hour** – Please join us for our Homecoming Picnic after Worship.

**Head Ushers** are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

**Greeters** are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Church members with special prayer concerns:** Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Bob Demers; Sally Giovanos; Judson Hagerty; Scott Kerr; Beatrice Mabutho; Nancy Norland; Charlie Patterson, Jr.; Ken Rossman; Wilma Shimer; Hennie Sushereba; and Walter & Barb Wright.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Carol Edelson's friend, John; Joan & Gordon Fraser's daughter, Fiona; Gail Geijer's son, Dan & sister, Jane; Anne Gordon's father, Byron; Mark Hughes' father, John & niece, Lauren; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's ex-husband, Rev. Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; John Ryba & Sharon Marshall's niece, McKenna; Janice Parker's nephew, Matt; Joanne Petto's friends, Peggy and Walt & co-worker, Rosaria and her husband, Ron; Bev Reddan's mother, Marie; Jane Siebert's friend, Madlyn; Joan Smith's brother, Jim; Larry & Margo Wegner's niece, Hannah; Doris Wiegartner's nephew, Gary; Loida Wilson's mother, Loli; Agnes Winchell's sister, Aniko; and Walter & Barb Wright's daughter, Marie Alice.

**We pray for all people** who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service. Members of our church family are encouraged to make prayer requests for relatives serving in our armed services, most especially those serving in harm's way.

**Prayer Chain:** If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office at (609)395-0897 or email Daune Arsnow at [deersnow@verizon.net](mailto:deersnow@verizon.net). If you would like to become part of the "chain" of church members, who pray daily with and for people with a particular need, please call the church office.

**Prayer requests in the bulletin:** In order to keep the prayer request list up to date, we will print the names of friends and family of church members who have prayer requests for one month. After that time, you may call the church office to have a name reappear on the prayer list.

Please be sure to fill out and sign the “**Pipeline to Session**” cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give “kudos” as well!

**Birthday of Distinction:** Harvey Davison on September 9. **Happy Birthday!**

## **CHOIR NEWS**

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**Please Come Join Us!!** Bell Ringers are needed for our Bell Choir. Rehearsals start September 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. No previous bell ringer experience is necessary. Just a willingness to learn as we praise God through music!

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

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The new year is upon us! Mark your calendars & join us for:

- **Adult Bible Study** tomorrow, September 9 @ 1:30 p.m. in the library. We'll be studying the book of Isaiah this year. There is nothing to prepare for the first session.
- **God & Me Playgroup** for children ages 3 – 18 months starts next Friday, September 13 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in Room 8.
- **Sunday School** begins next Sunday, September 15 from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. with programs for children ages 0 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents.
- **Youth Group** for middle school and high school students kicks off with a BBQ & kickball next Sunday, September 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## **MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS**

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**SEPTEMBER at SKEET'S: Shelves are Looking Empty!** Lots of groceries and fresh produce were distributed in August, thanks as always, to the generosity of our church and community members. But now our shelves are pretty empty and we need your help to stock up for our September Pantry. These are the foods we especially would appreciate:

**Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Pasta, Pasta Sauce,  
Tuna Fish, Canned Soup, Canned Beans**

As always, please be sure the “use by” date hasn’t expired yet. And if you would prefer to make a monetary contribution so that we can buy more of what we need, that is always gratefully received. Just make your check payable to our church and put “Skeet’s Pantry” on the memo line.

By the way, through a super kind donation from one of our church member families, we were able to give a new air conditioner to one of our elderly Skeet’s patrons who suffers from respiratory disease. This summer was the first one in a long time during which he didn’t need to be hospitalized due to the heat. He was able to stay home and enjoy the blessings of cool air! It’s wonderful that we are blessed with such caring members, and this happy Skeet’s patron sends his love & gratitude to all in our church.

## **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

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**Senior Exercise Schedule:** September 9, September 12, September 16, September 19, September 23, September 26 and September 30

## **SMALL GROUPS**

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**Prayer Shawl Group:** Join us in Room 1 **September 12 and September 26** at 11:00 a.m. Knit or crochet along with us. We’d love to welcome you into our group. While we knit together, we enjoy our fellowship time together – so will you!

**Read with us this Summer** – Our Book Group will be reading Lisa See’s *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* as well as *The Island of Sea Women* this summer, both to be discussed at book group on **Monday, September 23** (7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.). Join us!

## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

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Counting Teams: 9/8 (Team #3) – 9/15 (Team #4) – 9/22 (Team #1)

### **Month Ended 8/31/19**

YTD Offerings	\$217,122
YTD Expenses	\$272,785
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	<b>(\$56,663)</b>
YTD Per Capita	\$3,768 (15% of \$25,960)

## **TRANSITION TEAM**

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The Transition Team has been working hard this summer to prepare for the Mission Study which will launch in the fall. Our first event is coming up soon so:

**Save the Date!** Join us on **September 22** after Worship for *“This far by Faith”* a celebration of our history as we prepare for our future. Lunch will be served.

## **WORSHIP**

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**We need volunteers to Usher!** If you have questions or would like to usher, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)480-9176 or email her at [cabotk@comcast.net](mailto:cabotk@comcast.net). There is also a sign-up sheet on the Congregational Life bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

**Flowers:** If anyone wishes to provide flowers for any given Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one(s), please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or email her at [cabotk@comcast.net](mailto:cabotk@comcast.net).

## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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### **September 8 (Homecoming Sunday)**

**10:30a Worship** w/Communion & Blessing of the Backpacks followed by the Annual Homecoming Picnic

### **September 9**

#### **Church Office Hours (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)**

9:00a CPNS First Day of School

10:00a Sr. Exercise (FH)

1:30p Adult Bible Study (Lib.)

7:00p B&G Meeting (Rm 1)

7:30p Congregational Life Mtg (Lib.)

7:30p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

### **September 10**

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Meeting

9:30a-5p Sr. Fellowship(VAN)



10:30a Sr. Fellowship Trip: Ocean Grove (VAN)  
7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting (Lib.)  
7:30p AA (McK Rm)  
7:30p CPNS Board Meeting (Upstairs Church Office)  
7:30p Stewardship & Finance Cmte Meeting (Church Office)

### **September 11**

9:00a Session Material Due  
7:00p Bell Choir  
7:30p Transition Team Mtg (Lib)

### **September 12**

9:00a P&A Cmte Meeting (Lib)  
10:00a Sr. Exercise (FH)  
11:00a Prayer Shawl Group (Rm 1)  
6p-8p Cub Scouts (FH)  
7:30p The Chorale

### **September 13**

8:30a Bulletin Assembly  
9:30a-10:30a God & Me Playgroup (Rm 8)

### **September 14**

### **September 15**

9:15a 1<sup>st</sup> day Sunday School (all areas)  
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour  
11:45a Library Committee (Lib.)  
6p-8p Youth Group Kick-off BBQ

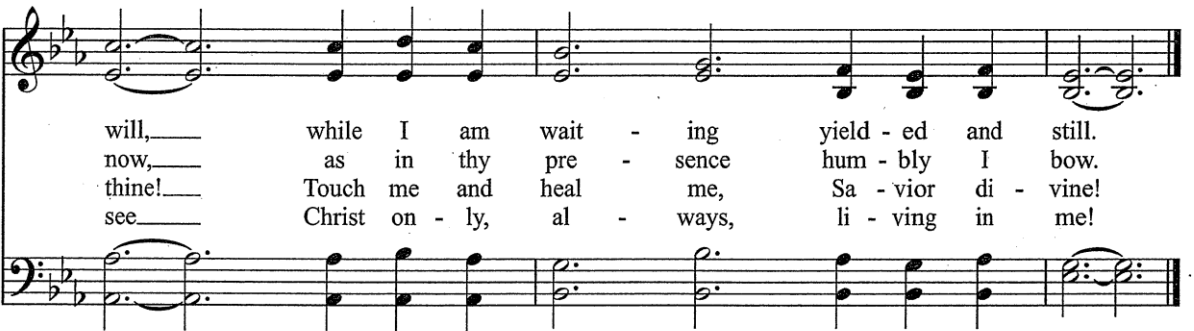
# Have Thine Own Way, Lord!



1 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!— Thou art the  
 2 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!— Search me and  
 3 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!— Woun-ded and  
 4 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!— Hold o'er my



Pot - ter, I am the clay.—— Mold me and make me af - ter thy  
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day!—— Whi - ter than snow, Lord, wash me just  
 wea - ry, help me, I pray.—— Pow - er— all pow - er— sure - ly is  
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway!—— Fill with thy Spi - rit till all shall



will,—— while I am wait - ing yield - ed and still.  
 now,—— as in thy pre - sence hum - bly I bow.  
 thine!—— Touch me and heal me, Sa - vior di - vine!  
 see—— Christ on - ly, al - ways, li - ving in me!

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1934)  
 Tune: George C. Stebbins (1846-1945)



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