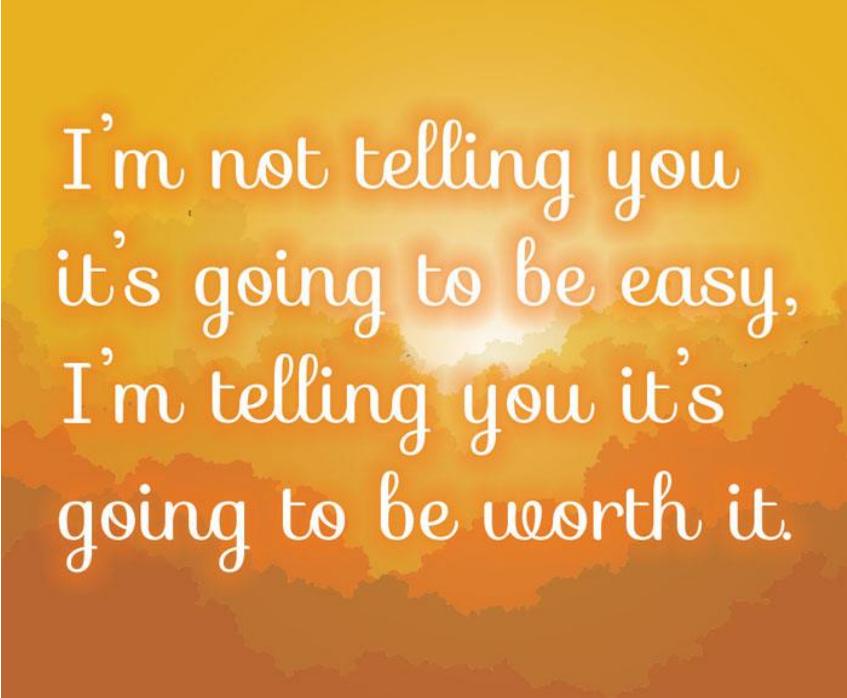


First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson



I'm not telling you
it's going to be easy,
I'm telling you it's
going to be worth it.

July 21, 2019
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, July 21, 2019
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Seasonal Color: Green
10:15 AM Worship Service

Prelude: Morning Song
Arranged by Sam Batt Owens (1928-1998)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: It is good that we are together as people who seek in their own ways to honor God.

MANY: We are blessed by each other's presence, knowing that we are not alone.

All: May our time together strengthen us to enlarge the circle of those who give thanks to God.

HYMN: #309 Come, Great God of All the Ages (ABBOT'S LEIGH)

INVITATION TO NEW LIFE

PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE – We admit to ourselves and to You, Loving One, that we do not live up to the grace we have received in You. We close our eyes to that which troubles us. We turn away from the pain and hurt of others. Reconnect us to Your Divine Compassion and love for the others of our lives. May we be as compassionate to them as You are to us. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE: #441 Forgive Our Sins (V. 1,4)

*PEACE PRAYER – **Calm our hearts and minds, so that we may seek what is essential in life. Amen.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND ALL THOSE WHO LISTEN IN

Anthem: Surely It Is God Who Saves Me (Text from #71)

* PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING – **The word of God for the people of God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Amos 8: 1-12

RESPONSE: Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

**Open your ears, O faithful people;
Open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood;
God has come to you.**

**God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
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SCRIPTURE: Luke 10: 38-42

SERMON "It's Not Easy"

*HYMN: #324 For All the Faithful Women (NYLAND)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: People, We Have Met to Worship
Tune: Holy Manna, arranged by Sam Bat Owens

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (DOXOLOGY)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – **May your path, sister and brother be the less cluttered one. Amen.**

HYMN: #321 The Church's One Foundation (AURELIA)

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION:

**Grace and Peace Be With You, 'Til we meet again
Grace and Peace be with you, Let God's love come in;
And shine through your heart light, in everything you do,
Grace and Peace be with you, God will see us through.**

POSTLUDE: Sound the Trumpets
George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

Amos 8: 1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Concern List:

Betty Allen's Children– Ken, Patty and Tom
Tommy Babb – Friend of the Rockow family
Bill Carey – Jan Foster's Step Father-in-Law
Santiago Casas –Great Grandson of Becky Henderson
Joe Cieniceros, Jr. – Nephew of Earleen Lawrence
Robert Elliott – Lovene Hartman's Bother
Kelly Gorham – Mike Trautman's Friend
Matt Helm – Betty & Bob Rybacki's Grandson-in-Law
Aaron Hotze
Sue Harrington – Lisa Henderson's Sister
Karen – Barbara Bowyer's Sister
The Kennedy Family
Jerry Miller
Howard Nelson
Nora – Great Granddaughter of Becky Henderson
Kevin Pingel
Norman Pingel
Margaret Rauhut– Lee Rauhut's Mother
Phyllis Ritts
David Rutherford – Son of Maureen Rutherford
Carson Shelley - Mike Trautman's Friend
Todd Shelton "Big Todd"
Rich Shugert – Brother of John Shugert
Arlie Tempel
Nancy Tempel
LaHaji Thomas
Clyde Wade – Brother of Bill Wade



Please contact the church office if you have additional names.



Today's Flowers are given by Betty Allen:

"In Memory of my husband!"

and

Duane, Gary and Carol Bibko:

"In Memory of Della, we love and miss you!"

From the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

The PNC would like to express their thanks and appreciation for your participation in filling out the Leadership Competencies survey in June. Your input will greatly help us in moving forward with our search for a Designated Co-Pastor as we continue to approach Rev. Trautman's retirement and move into another church era. We want to share with you the survey results as it gives us an idea of what qualities you felt were most important and that may best serve our congregation and the community. If you would like to refer back to the survey to recall these categories, there are copies on the table in the library where you previously submitted them. If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to contact a committee member (*Russ Watts, Chair; Paula Bujewski, Debby Koenig, Duane Mazzacavallo, Lee Rauhut*). The results are as follows in the order of importance based on how many of each was selected:

1. Preaching-25; Worship Leadership-25
2. Public Communicator-22; Strategy and Vision-22
3. Flexibility-21
4. Hopeful-18
5. Technology Savvy-17; Willingness to Engage Conflict-17; Interpersonal Engagement -17
6. Collaboration-16; Bridge Builder-16
7. Spiritual Maturity-14
8. Compassionate-13; Organizational Agility-13; Motivator-13; Culturally Proficient-13
9. Advisor-10; Change Agent-10; Risk taker-10; Personal Resilience-10
10. Communicator-9
11. Lifelong Learner-8; Task Manager-8; Decision Making-8
12. Initiative-7
13. Teacher-6; Externally Aware-6; Entrepreneurial-6
14. Contextualization-5
15. Self-Differentiation-4
16. Financial Manager-2; Funds Developer-2
17. Media Communicator-1

TO OUR VISITORS

We warmly welcome all that have come to this service. Let us reach out our hands and hearts in friendship to one another. Please join us for coffee, juice and conversation in our Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. If you are without a church home, please accept our invitation to join us in fellowship and service. Speak to the pastor or call us at 522-8542 or email fergpres@gmail.com and we will be glad to arrange a visit or send information.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Michael F. Trautman; Minister

Bill Wade; Music Director

Marcia Key; Office Administrator

Lee Weltmer; Treasurer

John Shugert; Financial Recorder

Susan Owens; Nursery Supervisor

LaHaji Thomas; Youth Ministry Coordinator

Office Hours

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday – 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Friday – Closed

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 21:

9:00am- Choir Rehearsal 9:45am - Coffee Hour 10:15am - Worship Service

Monday, July 22:

9:00am - Wood Carvers 6:30pm - AA group

Tuesday, July 23:

12:30pm - Card Making

Wednesday, July 24:

11:00am – Bible Study

Thursday, July 25:

5:30pm – Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, July 26:

9:00am - PEO

Saturday, July 27:

No Events

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