

First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson



September 1, 2019
401 Darst Road
Ferguson, MO 63135
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, September 1, 2019
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Seasonal Color: Green
10:15 AM Worship Service

Prelude: Pleading Savior
Setting by Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Welcome to the table where all are welcome.

MANY: Each of us humbly take our seats at the table and we greet those around us.

All: Blessed is the One whose love cannot be measured or taken away.

HYMN: #267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing (MADRID)

INVITATION TO NEW LIFE

PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE – **The prophets speak words that set our teeth on edge and cause us to think deeply about our commitment to the Holy One. Today we listen to these words and enter our own self-examinations. May these words shake us to our core and help us realize that God's love is a calling to new life. We humble ourselves before You and seek to live in accordance with love of You and others. Amen.**

*ACT OF PRAISE: #753 Make me a Channel of Your Peace (Verses 1 & 4)

*PEACE PRAYER – **Settle us down so that we may be moved to be people of love and peace. Amen.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND ALL THOSE WHO LISTEN IN

Anthem: Prelude in B minor, Opus 28, No. 6
Frederic Francois Chopin; arranged by Alexander Schreiner

* PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING – **Let us seek so that we may find wisdom, hope and grace in this word. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 2:4-13

RESPONSE: #174 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom (Verses 1 and 2)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:1,7-14

SERMON "Leaving Your Privilege At The Door"

*HYMN: # 717 For the Life That You Have Given (PLEADING SAVIOR)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: The Lord Will Supply
Setting by Charles Callahan

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE AND EMPOWERMENT

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP TOGETHER

(It is our custom to hold the Bread and the Cup and to partake of it together. However, to ensure that all participate if you need to drink the Cup once you receive it, please do.)

HYMN: # 772 Live into Hope (TRURO)

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: Come, Labor On
T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Lectionary Readings for the upcoming weeks:

September 8th – Jeremiah 18:1-11, Philemon 1:1-21, Luke 14:25-33

September 15th – Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; I Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

September 22nd – 8:18-91, I Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13



**Today's Flowers are in honor of
Joan Bueckendorf**

"In Friendship and Love"

Concern List:

Betty Allen's Children– Ken, Patty and Tom
Tommy Babb – Friend of the Rockow family
Santiago Casas –Great Grandson of Becky Henderson
Joe Cieniceros, Jr. – Nephew of Earleen Lawrence
Dennis – Nephew of The Rettke Family
Robert Elliott – Lovene Hartman's Brother
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
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



Please contact the church office if you have additional names.



Attention Children of God of all ages! Our Sunday School program officially begins with **Rally Day on September 8th!** We are excited about the new curriculum and sharing the Word of God with our little ones. Because it worked so well last year, we are going to rotate a new teacher and a helper for each month, September through May. If you taught last year, you should have received an invitation from Jamie to sign up. If you didn't teach last year, this is your opportunity to volunteer and get to know our youngest members ... and you'll learn a lot too! The curriculum is really great and we hope to see many of our same teachers/helpers this next year and some new faces too! In support of a new year of teaching our youth, please wear red or pink on September 8th! If interested, please see Jodie Hamer-Schlobohm, Jamie McDonald, or Jan Foster.

Ferguson Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Our first rehearsal will be THURSDAY, September 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We will plan to meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM until 8:45 PM and on Sunday Mornings from 9:00 AM until 9:45 AM. If you cannot make a Thursday rehearsal, please come at 9:00 AM on Sunday morning.

Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who would be interested in singing with us this Fall. No audition is necessary, the ability to read music is helpful but not required! Attendance at one or both Thursday or Sunday morning is necessary. Please contact me via e-mail at drwewade@gmail.com or by phone or text at 314-258-2520 if you have any questions or want to discuss anything about the music program. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 5, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary! Bill Wade

Ferguson Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir

We will have our first rehearsal of the Fall on Thursday afternoon, September 5, 2019 at 2:00 PM. We will plan to meet on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Please plan on being present at most rehearsals. If you know of any people interested in ringing, please invite them to attend our first rehearsal on the 5th. Contact Bill Wade, 314-258-2520 drwewade@gmail.com

Mike Weltmer (son of Eleanor & Lee Weltmer), who has multiple sclerosis, will be riding again (5th year) in the upcoming Bike MS 2019 fundraiser at the Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey, IL on September 7th & 8th. Participation and donations to this event help support programs, services, and research that make a huge difference to the people who must fight MS every day of their lives. Tax deductible donations can be made via the following Internet link to Mike's personal secure fundraising page to help him in this effort to raise funds for MS:

https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?fr_id=30220&pg=personal&px=15283284





Our September Unit Meeting is **September 6th** at Church of the Master UCC. 1325 Paddock Drive, Florissant, MO 63033. 9:30am to 11:30am. The program is *Almost Home*.

On **September 27th** we'll have the Metro Fall Forum-Human Rights Celebration, Union Ave Christian Church, 733 Union Blvd. 63108. Worship Theme: "*unite to Serve*"

I hope you have had a good summer. Peace, Jeannie Boettcher 314-524-8284



Please join us in supporting the Peace & Global Witness Offering. A gift to this offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. **Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace.** Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and

justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. We will receive this offering on Sunday, October 6 on World Communion Sunday. Special envelopes will be in the pews. Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you in advance.



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, September 1:

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

Monday, September 2:

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

Tuesday, September 3:

8:00am – ROMEO's 12:30pm - Card Making
Boy Scouts – 6:30pm Book Club – 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 4:

No Events

Thursday, September 5:

5:30pm – Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, September 6, Saturday, September 7:

No Events