# First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson



November 3, 2019 401 Darst Road Ferguson, MO 63135 314-522-8542

#### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### Sunday, November 3, 2019 21st Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE: Chorale on Sine Nomine Arranged by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

- ONE: Winter is slowly coming our way, awake and open your hearts to the needs of those around us.
- MANY: We gather here in the warmth of each other and seek to respond to the cries of the hungry and homeless.
- All: It is our work of compassion and grace that compels us to worship You with praise and thanksgiving.

HYMN: #326 For All The Saints (SINE NOMINE)

**\*INVITATION TO NEW LIFE** 

\*PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE – Amazing God, we turn to You in wonder and awe, because of the way You have blessed our lives. We thank you that we can in Your name baptize a young one into Your family. It is a gift from above and we ask that this small act will touch the life of Finn. Watch over his family and may Your love flow in each of them. Amen

ACT OF PRAISE: Let All Things Now Living (words below) (ASH GROVE)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

\*PEACE PRAYER - It is good to welcome a child into God's family of faith. Amen

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Baptism of Findley Weston McColl

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND ALL THOSE WHO LISTEN IN

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING – May our hearts, souls and minds hear this word and seek to celebrate it in our lives. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

SCRIPTURE: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-13

RESPONSE: Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (words below) 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! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE: Luke19:1-10

SERMON "This Is Why We Exist"

ANTHEM: Cloud of Witnesses Surround Us Arranged by Robert A. Hobby (ST. PAUL) Choir: Verses 1-3 (See Insert) Congregation and Choir: Verse 4

Remembering The Saints

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Canon on Sine Nomine Richard Proulx

# 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: #826 Lift High the Cross (CRUCIFER)

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: Fugato on Sine Nomine Richard Proulx



Today's Flowers are given by The Fedorchak Family:

#### Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-13

The problem as God gave Habakkuk to see it: GOD, how long do I have to cry out for help before you listen? How many times do I have to yell, "Help! Murder! Police!" before you come to the rescue? Why do you force me to look at evil, stare trouble in the face day after day? Anarchy and violence break out, quarrels and fights all over the place. Law and order fall to pieces. Justice is a joke. The wicked have the righteous hamstrung and stand justice on its head

GOD, you're from eternity, aren't you? Holy God, we aren't going to die, are we? GOD, you chose *Babylonians* for your judgment work? Rock-Solid God, you gave *them* the job of discipline? But you can't be serious! *You* can't condone evil! So why don't you do something about this? Why are you silent *now*? This outrage! Evil men swallow up the righteous and you stand around and *watch*!

#### Luke19:1-10

Then Jesus entered and walked through Jericho. There was a man there, his name Zacchaeus, the head tax man and quite rich. He wanted desperately to see Jesus, but the crowd was in his way—he was a short man and couldn't see over the crowd. So he ran on ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus when he came by. When Jesus got to the tree, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down. Today is my day to be a guest in your home." Zacchaeus scrambled out of the tree, hardly believing his good luck, delighted to take Jesus home with him. Everyone who saw the incident was indignant and grumped, "What business does he have getting cozy with this crook?" Zacchaeus just stood there, a little stunned. He stammered apologetically, "Master, I give away half my income to the poor—and if I'm caught cheating, I pay four times the damages." Jesus said, "Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost."

#### Lectionary Readings for the upcoming weeks:

November 10th-Haggai 1:15b-2:9, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38 November  $17^{th}$  - Isaiah 65:17-25, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19 November  $24^{th}$  – Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

# Concern List:

Betty Allen Betty Allen's Children – Ken, Patty and Tom **Tommy Babb** – Friend of the Rockow family Jane Ann Bowen - Cousin of Debby Koenig and Jan Foster Santiago Casas – Great Grandson of Becky Henderson Joe Cieniceros, Jr. – Nephew of Earleen Lawrence Robert Elliott – Lovene Hartman's Brother Nancy Fedorchak Kelly Gorham - Mike Trautman's Friend Matt Helm - Betty & Bob Rybacki's Grandson-in-Law Leah Holler Aaron Hotze 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 Sue Schmidt – Friend of Jamie McDonald 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.



A Way Forward, a three-word phrase to describe the steps planned to assure a future for First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson. These steps present changes and our church leaders (Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery, Rev. Trautman, session, trustees and church staff) are at work to assure that the changes meet the needs of our church family and the Ferguson community. Please give prayerful thought to your commitment. Pledges will power us to our church's goal of being a meaningful presence in Ferguson.

# FAIR TRADE SALE Sunday, December 1



On the **Sunday, December 1, before and after the worship service in Fellowship** <u>Hall</u>, you will have the opportunity to purchase some of the most beautiful and unique hand-crafted items by men and women of Peru, Cambodia, Haiti and Egypt. If you enjoy meaningful gift-giving for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries or for any special occasion, please consider choosing from a variety of items that will be made available to you on December 1.

These items, brought to us through Partner's for Just Trade, grew out of the Joining Hands partnership with Peru of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. Their base of operation is located at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. The goal has always been to improve the economic livelihood of these countries through Fair Trade. With your help we make this happen every day!

## **Cemetery Plots**



Our church is in the possession of 12 cemetery plots at Laurel Hill Memorial Garden (2 sets of 4 consecutive spaces) and Valhalla Cemetery (4 consecutive spaces). These plots were donated by members years ago. If you would like more information about these plots, please contact Mike. The Sessions had a discussion about what to do with these plots. They are going to determine if there is a social service agency that would accept these plots for use for an indigent person or family.

#### **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, November 3: 9:00am- Choir Rehearsal 9:45am - Coffee Hour 10:15am - Worship Service

> <u>Monday, November 4:</u> 9:00am - Wood Carvers 6:30pm - AA group

Tuesday, November 5:8:00am – ROMEO's12:30pm - Card Making6:30pm – Boy Scouts7:00pm – Book Club

Wednesday, November 6: 11:00am - Christmas Cantata Rehearsal 2:00pm – Handbells 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

> Thursday, November 7: Halloween

Friday, November 8: 9:00am - PEO

Saturday, November 9: No Events