

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church where our motto is "Roots Down, Branches Out"
Celebrating 125 years of Ministry on Morton Hill, since 1892

Sunday, July 23, 2017

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements, Birthdays and Recognition of Visitors

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Elder Prayer Blessing

Jeannette Holton

Prelude and Setting the Table for Worship

~ GOD GATHERS US ~

Call to Worship *(Please Stand if able)*

One: We gather together in the name of our God, the Maker of heaven and earth.

ALL: Let's worship God together!

One: Who calls us away from the customs and attitudes of the world around us.

ALL: Let's worship God together!

One: And invites us instead into a transforming relationship with Him and with one another.

ALL: Let's worship God together!

Opening Hymn *(Please Stand if able)*

Woke Up Dis Mornin'

Songs of Zion # 146

Prayer of Confession *(Please Stand if able)*

Heavenly Father, we thank You for all the mercies You have bestowed on us. We thank You for the forgiveness of our sins and for the gift of eternal life You have given us in Your Son Jesus Christ. We thank You that He gave Himself for us, so that we might give ourselves to You. We now present to You, all that we are and all we have, as a living sacrifice to You. It is our logical response to Your love for us. It is our spiritual act of worship to You. Transform us people by renewing our minds by Your Spirit, so that we may think the way You want us to think about everything, especially about You and about Your will. Give us discernment by Your Spirit, as we seek to put Your will into practice in our everyday lives. Enable us to recognize Your will, and discover as we seek to do it, that it is truly good, acceptable and perfect. We ask these things so that You may be honored and glorified, in and through our lives, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

A Time for Young People

Julie Brien

All Children 5 and under can go with Latasha Louis to the nursery. Kids K+ can get worship bags from coat rack at this time.

Special Music

Lakeview Chamber Players

Scripture

(After each scripture reading)

Romans 12:1-21

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be to God

Sermon

Transformed

Rev. Dave Kool

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

Song of Response

Lord Prepare Me

Glory to God # 701

Offering & Offertory *Nursery children collect quarters for our "Open Wide Our Front Door" and Ghana Mission*

Children and Youth Leave for Kids' Time & ICE Class

Doxology *(Please Stand if able)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise Christ, all creatures here below

Praise Holy Spirit evermore

Praise Triune God, whom we adore, Amen

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

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.

~ WE ARE SENT ~

Closing Hymn *(Please Stand if able)*

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Glory to God #753

Benediction

Participants in Today's Service

Worship Leader: Rev. Dave Kool

Musicians: Nancy Thompson

Children's Sermon: Julie Brien

Worship Assistant: Joan Judd

Nursery: Latasha Louise

Greeters: Connie Stainko, Cathy & Jan Shaw

Audio: Bob Ziebart, Gordon Helm & Ben Schadler

Ministers: All the Church Members

Lakeview Chamber Players: Ginny Burd, violin/ Lynne Tan, cello/ Isabel Jackson, piano

Church Staff Members

Pastor: Rev. Laurie Hartzell (Sabbatical)

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Doug Peterson

Church Pianist: Susan Burkholz

Music Minister: Nancy Thompson

Youth Missioner: Julie Brien

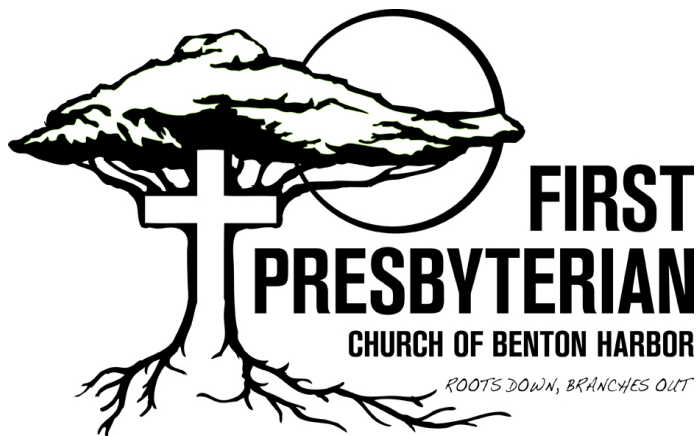
Youth Teacher: Gentry Phillips

Children's Ed: Jen Van Beek

Custodians: Lee Hamilton & Charase Dorsey

MISSION STATEMENT

We of First Presbyterian Church of Benton Harbor are a small family of believers committed to bridging the gulf of racial and class separation. As a part of the body of Christ in Benton Harbor and acknowledging Christ's claim on our lives, our congregation is called to proclaim the Gospel and witness to Christ's love, both within the faith community and in our larger community. In doing this we will share our faith with openness, love, warmth and respect for the dignity and individuality of all people; we will welcome and value diversity; we will strive to meet the needs of people in our community for sustenance and nurturing and we will seek to deepen and broaden our own faith as we journey. We will do these through the doctrine and structures of the Presbyterian Church (USA).



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