

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 9, 2017

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements, Birthdays and Recognition of Visitors

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Elder Prayer Blessing

Catherine Ravitch

Prelude and Setting the Table for Worship

~ GOD GATHERS US ~

Call to Worship *(Please Stand if able)*

One: God shows no partiality. No race or group is shown special advantage.

ALL: In every nation anyone who respects him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

One: You know the message God sent to all through the people of Israel.

ALL: It is a message of peace by Jesus Christ, who has been made Lord of all.

One: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

ALL: He was put to death on the cross but God raised him up on the third day.

One: He then appeared to many witnesses and commanded them to preach to everyone and testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

ALL: All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

One: Today we gather in his name.

ALL: Today we bless God for the salvation that he freely offers us in Jesus Christ.

Opening Hymn *(Please Stand if able)*

Here in this Place

Glory to God # 401

Prayer of the Day *(Please Stand if able)* *Gracious God, make each of us an instrument of your grace. Weave us into a community showing forth your power and tenderness. Bless us and our differences and undergird our courage to stand together. We call on you today to gather us in your love. Lead us to better know you and glorify you on each step of the journey of our lives. Do so by the presence and the power of your Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus, let us now keep silence and breathe in the love of God. Amen.*

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

A Time for Young People

Jeannette Holton

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.

Song of Illumination

Change My Heart, O God

Glory to God # 695

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43

Ephesians 3:1-10, 16-19

(After each scripture reading)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be to God

Sermon

Mystery Revealed, So Pray

Rev. Deborah McCreary

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

Song of Response

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Glory to God # 833

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)*

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Glory to God #832

Benediction

Participants in Today's Service

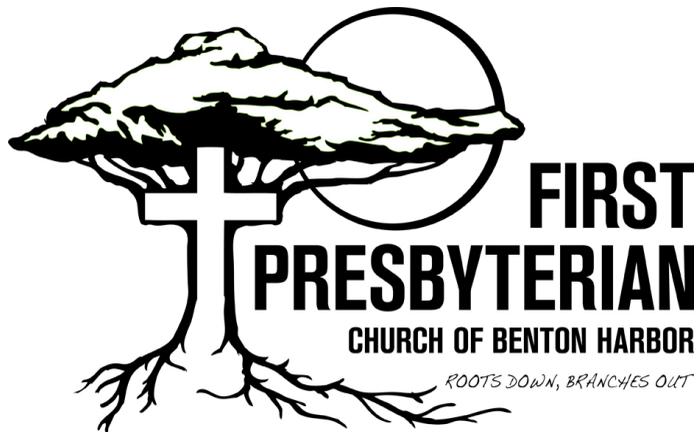
Worship Leader: Rev. Deborah McCreary
Musicians: Nancy Thompson
Children's Sermon: Jeannette Holton
Worship Assistant: Catherine Ravitch
Nursery: Latasha Louise
Greeters: Gordon & Mary Helm
Audio: Bob Ziebart, Gordon Helm & Ben Schadler
Ministers: All the Church Members

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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