

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

*"Look death in the eye and make a joyful noise. Grab evil by the neck and shout loud hosannas!"
--Rev. Steven Miller*

Sunday, October 14, 2018

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Announcements, Birthdays and Recognition of Visitors

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Elder Prayer Blessing

Elder Darlene Hawkins

Prelude and Setting the Table for Worship

~ GOD GATHERS US ~

Call to Worship *(Please stand in body or spirit)*

One: Friends, we are God's people! We belong to God!

All: We praise you God! We thank you God!

One: God promises to travel with us each step of our journey--in light and darkness, good times and bad.

All: We praise you God! We thank you God!

One: Nothing can separate us from God's steadfast love. Nothing!

All: We praise you God! We thank you God!

One: So, we worship. We must. We shall!

ALL: We praise you God! We thank you God!

Opening Hymn *(Please stand in body or spirit)* *O For a Thousand Tongues* Glory to God # 610

Prayer of the Day *(Please remain standing in body or spirit)* *(by Walter Brueggemann)*

O for a thousand tongues to sing our great redeemer's name; to sing beyond ourselves, extravagantly, with abandonment, beyond all our possibilities, and all our fears, and all our hopes. . . to our redeemer dear, the antidote to death, the salve to our wounds, the resolve to our destructiveness. . . a thousand, a million, a trillion tongues, more than our own, more than our tradition, more than our theology, more than our understanding, tongues around us, tongues among us, tongues from our silenced parts. Tongues from us to you in freedom and in courage, finally giving our lives and our loves to your good care. Amen.

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

A Time for Young People

Julie Kelly

Children 5 & under can go with Mrs. Lopez to the nursery. Kids K+ can get worship bags from coat rack at this time.

Song of Preparation

Give Thanks

Glory to God # 647

Scripture

**Philippians 4:4-7
Psalm 100**

(After each scripture reading)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be to God

Sermon

Praise the Lord!

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

Prayer of Response and Laying a Brick: *Faithful God, we lay this brick of "Prayer and Praise" with prayers that we will always be a people who praise you in good times and in bad times. May we be a people whose roots grow deep in prayer as we live in your presence. May we be a people who always welcome 'space for grace.' Yes, we lift our hands in total praise to you! Amen.*

Song of Response

Total Praise

The Choir

Time to honor and remember *Doris Jones*

Offering *Nursery children collect quarters for our "Open Wide Our Front Door" and Ghana Mission. Youth Leave for ICE Class with Julie. Children leave for Sunday School with Kathryn Loveless Durant.*

Offertory

Doxology *(Please stand in body or spirit)*

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Glory to God # 839

Benediction

Participants in Today's Service

Worship Leader: Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Musicians: Cheryl Schadler

Children's Sermon: Julie Kelly

Worship Assistant: Ted Hartzell

Nursery: Annabelle Lopez

Greeters: Bob and Pat Barrett

Audio: Bob Ziebart, Gordon Helm and Ben Schadler

Church Staff Members

Pastor: Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Doug Petersen

Church Pianist: Susan Burkholz

Music Minister: Nancy Thompson

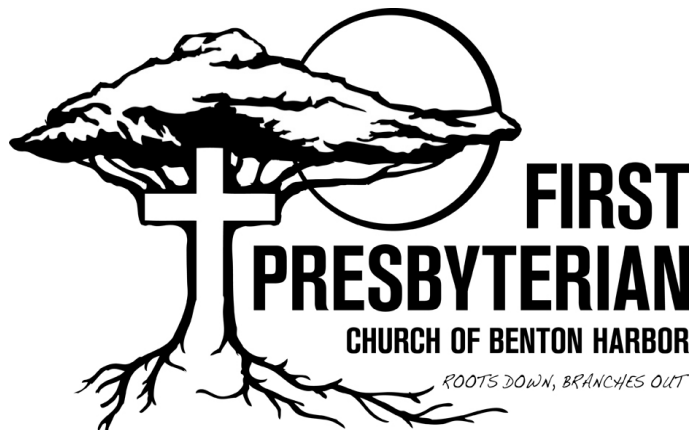
Youth Missioner: Julie Kelly

Custodians: Lee Hamilton and Charase Dorsey

Ministers: All the Church Members

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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