



United Presbyterian Church

Celebrating 189 Years!

1701 East Second Street Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Guest Minister

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United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide
 October 9, 2022 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Allen Pease



Sanctuary flowers throughout October are placed by Gerrit & Vera Heitink in celebration of the 101st year of Vera's mother, Nora vander Heijden

PRELUDE *All Who Love and Serve Your City* Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Michelle Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth:

People: Songs of praise for God's presence in daily life,

Liturgist: Shouts of thanks for God's care in the midst of crisis!

People: Make a joyful noise to God, all peoples, always!

Alleluia! Let us worship God!



PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

***Opening Hymn**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with Liturgist)

God beyond all time, you join us in history to guide us to yourself, but we confess we keep turning away from you. When our lives have gone well, we have forgotten to thank you. When we have had plenty to share, we have held back. When we have felt trouble, we have blamed you. When we have seen others in trouble, we have blamed them. Forgive us, ever-present God, for our attachment to lesser things and our difficulty clinging to you. Open our eyes to the brilliance of your goodness, that we may follow you at once, wherever you lead us. Through Christ, our faithful Savior, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

Hear the good news: The steadfast love of the Holy God never ends. Thanks be to God, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson *Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7* (pew Bible p.603; large print p.1215)

The New Testament Lesson *Luke 17: 20- 37* (pew Bible p.800; large print p.1614)

Reverend: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

MUSIC for MEDITATION

Here I Am Lord

Benjamin Watkins, piano

Sermon*Not Attached to Normal*

The Reverend Heather Thiessen

AFFIRMATION of FAITH – The Apostles Creed (traditional) led by Elder Don Root
 I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Don Root

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Elder Don Root

Closing HymnJesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

Reverend Heather Thiessen

POSTLUDE*O Word of God Incarnate*

Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Yoshi & Ihoko Yoshida Shea Henry Olivia McKenzie Betty Thacker Nora vander Heijden

Esther Ham Cathy Junken Rev. David Rosen Berta Weneker

First Presbyterian in Jeffersonville has been a downtown church for 192 years! We are a PCUSA Matthew 25 vital congregation; ministering through the Center for Lay Ministries food pantry and Bliss House, Loaves & Fishes, Clark County Youth Shelter, Community Kitchen, Catalyst Rescue Mission, Exit 0, D.I.A.P.E.R. project and Girl Scout Troop 1621's on-site food pantry. Our ministry is the first certified Earth Care Congregation in Indiana. The 175-member congregation has been blessed for two years with full time pastoral leadership by Rev. Eric Wright; who with his wife, Kathryn, son William and daughter Ava, are committed to issues of justice. We covet your prayers for our partnering with Kentucky Refugee Ministries to welcome our second refugee family. Our first family is from Afghanistan and our second from the DR of Congo.

Join us for Fellowship & Food immediately after the service in Fellowship Hall on the lower level.