



First Presbyterian Church



Sunday Worship

12th Sunday After Pentecost – Year A
23 August 2020
9:30 a.m.

Everyone Is Welcome!



You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God.

In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives.

As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ,
believers are transformed and renewed.

In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world.
(Book of Order, Directory for Worship W 1.1001)

First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale Order of Worship for Sunday 8/23/20:

Prayer in Preparation

Even from a place of exile, from a position of despair, we trust, O God, in your power: to return and restore us, to enliven and empower us, to soothe and to save us.

You can turn a desert into Eden, sorrow into joy, and silence into singing. The heavens may vanish above and the earth dissolve underneath, but your salvation is forever. We wait for you, O God, attentive and hopeful, for with you deliverance is always possible. In Christ, we pray. Amen.



Ministry of the Church

One: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

All: Thanks be to God!

Joys and Concerns

One: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Gathering for Worship

Leader: We give thanks to God with our whole heart,

All: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!

Let us worship God.

Hymn: #472

Kum ba Yah

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Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

O, Lord, kum ba yah.

Call to Confession:

Leader: Sisters and brothers, with hope in the mercies of God, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

All: Merciful God,

we confess that we have conformed our lives

to the ways of the world

and not the ways of your kingdom.

We exalt in possessions and power,

when you alone are to be exalted.

We let conflicts prevail over grace

and divisions over harmony.

Have mercy on us, we pray.

Forgive and transform us,

that we may be holy and acceptable to you,

discerning and doing your will.

Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers. God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God.

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Response: #282 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. (2x)**

Children's Sermon: Off-Key?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Lord our God, your name and your word are exalted above everything. We are listening for your word; we are looking for your light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so that we may discern your will and respond in faith. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**



Ministry of Music

Carlyn Zimmermann, et al.

New Testament Lesson:

Matthew 16:13-20

Minister: ¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Minister: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word: Divine Inspiration

Affirmation of Faith: The PCUSA Confession of 1967 (Section 9.44)

Leader: Let us confess our faith together...

All: Christians find parallels between other religions and their own and must approach all religions with openness and respect.

Repeatedly God has used the insight of non-Christians to challenge the church to renewal.

But the reconciling word of the gospel is God's judgment upon all forms of religion, including the Christian. The gift of God in Christ is for all.

The church, therefore, is commissioned to carry the gospel to all whatever their religion may be and even when they profess none.

Minute for Mission/Interim Box Time: The Drive-Thru Supply Drive 9/5

Invitation to the Offering:

Leader: God has given us gifts to share: prophetic acts and acts of service, teaching and leading, encouragement, diligence, and cheerfulness, giving without strings attached. Freely then, we open our hearts, hands, and resources to a world in need.

Please, as you are financially able, continue to contribute to the life and ministry of the church through your gifts. Give online at <http://www.firstprescdale.org>, through direct deposit or by sending checks in the mail.



***Doxology: #606**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, kum by yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O, Lord, kum ba yah.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer...

All: Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
And the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen.

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
O, Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O, Lord, kum ba yah.

Charge and Blessing

Minister: Though we are many,
remember that we are one body in Christ
and members of one another.
Offer your gifts according to the grace given you,
as a living sacrifice to God.
May God who restores,
Christ who calls,
and the Spirit who empowers
bless you
and increase your joy and gladness,
now and always.

All: Amen.

Postlude: "Kum Ba Yah" - Traditional Spiritual

A Thought for Today:



"How could you kids be so irresponsible?! You bury your dad in the sand and then lose him, knowing full well that the car keys are in his pocket!"

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God,
thank you for the gift of this new day.
You have blessed me in so many ways
in days that have come before.
Today I will look and listen
for signs of your joy and gladness
present in my life, in the lives of others,
and in the beautiful world you garden.
As I begin this day,
I pray that you will strengthen my soul
and that whatever your purpose for me
will be fulfilled in faithfulness and love.
In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God,
for anything I did this day that was pleasing to you,
I give you thanks and pray that you use me to your glory;
for anything I did this day that was displeasing to you,
I ask your forgiveness and pray that you redeem me for your glory. Amen.

Worship Assistant: Rob Jensen

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020

3:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kerry

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

9:30 am Virtual Worship via Zoom

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours

Monday 9:00am - 12:00 noon

Wednesday 9:00 – 12:00 noon

If you would like a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—please let Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

Announcements

Faith Dialogues brings you a series of autumn discussions: "The Church and Politics" written by David True and distributed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Discussions will begin virtually after worship on Sunday, September 13. More details to come!

Good afternoon,

In response to recent events across the nation the denomination is launching the Presbyterian Church (USA) Week of Action from August 24-30. Congregations, presbyteries, and individuals have been invited to participate in the activities which are outlined at: <https://www.pcusa.org/weekofaction/>

The [Presbyterian Week of Action, August 24–30](#), is an endeavor to provide a public witness that facilitates education, visibility and action that reinforces our PC(USA) statements and policy that support eradicating racism and acknowledge that God loves all Black lives.

In "[Responding to the Sin of Racism and a Call to Action](#)," the 224th General Assembly (2020) declared, "Our country's most important institutions have been built to sustain white privilege, to protect white lives and white property at the expense of our siblings of color. The church through ignorance, denial, and in some cases deliberate action, has participated in this injustice. We have been slow to face the reality of systemic racism. We have been slow to acknowledge the pain of our fellow Presbyterians, of our fellow Christians, of our fellow citizens, and of those who have come to America for a better life, whose value has been judged by the color of their skin." The Assembly called the Church to "actively confront and dismantle systemic racism in our church and in society at large, and to work for a more just, merciful, and peaceful country that allows all of God's children to flourish."

We have been invited to join with PC(USA) churches across the nation as well as denominational national staff, the week of August 24–30. Events will include a town hall, film screening, a rally, and a day of service to our communities. Act now by planning to participate in the [daily schedule of events and share the news with our digital toolkit](#).

While we recognize and honor the good work toward justice that has been ongoing in our denomination, we also realize that in this time it is not enough. Though the Presbyterian Week of Action hopes to meet the immediacy of our current context, it will not be the culmination of our work as a denomination, for we have a long way to go to eradicate systemic racism and white supremacy. Nonetheless, this week will empower us, challenge us, and enliven the faith we follow.

If you have questions, please contact the presbytery office.

Grace and peace,

Bill

Rev. William "Bill" McLean, II
Presbyter for Congregational Care
Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois

As you are able, we encourage you to pay the **Per Capita apportionment for 2020** which is \$42.00 per member.

Kerry will be on vacation from Sunday August 30 until Saturday, September 5. Rev. Deb Troester will be preaching on August 30.

The final **Snider Hill cemetery workday** will be this Saturday, August 29. Come about 9:00am and work for an hour or two. We will now do the north half of the cemetery during the week so we will be cleaning up around the gravestones. Bring gloves, weed/trimming tools, and your mask. Social distancing observed. Contact Beth Malmquist if questions or for directions.

Joys and Concerns

Pray for God's grace, mercy & help:

- +Covid19 Pandemic
- +Social unrest and political polarization
- +The return of students, teachers, and staff to school

Remember to pray for:

- +Our National Leaders
- +Our nation in midst of violence
- + Marion Medical Mission
- +Our world, in the midst of terrorism
- +Refugees in Europe
- +Resolution to the migrant dilemma
- +Homeless, unemployed and those without adequate health care
- +Service men and women
- +Missionaries in Africa and everywhere

Each week we pray for one of the faith communities that participate in the Carbondale Interfaith Council. This week the council asks us to please pray for: Church of the Latter Day Saints.

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month is: The Presbyterian Child Development Center

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