

### Sojourners

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### We've Got Questions

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### Original Adults

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### Sing with Us This Christmas!

Would you like to sing carols with our virtual choir this Christmas season? Yes! Then please contact Gabriela Stegmann at gabidelasca@gmail.com or 904-327-0802 by the end of September to let her know. She will send you instructions on how to record your music at home and then upload it onto the choir's Google drive, where she magically turns it into a virtual choir! It is a great way to stay connected to your church family while also contributing to the Christmas worship experience. Children, Youth, Adults, all are welcome!!

*A warm welcome to:*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 27, 2020 | 17th Sunday After Pentecost

*Welcome!*

*We are delighted to have you in worship today as we strive to share all of God's gifts.*

*The ushers and pastors are here to help you. Feel free to ask a question.*

*Please locate the friendship pad in the pew, sign it and pass it to your neighbor.*



Anchored in Grace.  
Moved to Mission.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### TODAY'S MESSAGE

“Midwives & Butterflies”

By Rev. Julie A. Higbee

JOIN US THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### ► Join us in praying for...

#### Our Church Family

Ben Isaac  
Anita Gardiner  
Ken & Gretchen Williams  
George Geiger  
Erika Zimmerman  
Jane & Dave Turney  
Marti Dewees  
Jerry Roberts  
Paul & Miriam Homberg  
Lynn Hicks  
Matt Showalter  
Nick Clark  
Jackie Wilking  
Tom & Marlene Spayde  
Kathy & Bill Maurer  
Len & Pat Ermold  
Audrey Rodriguez  
Eunice Kurtz  
Ann Mayne  
Ken Loper

#### Friends of the Church

Mary Catherine Buyck  
Jennifer Welsbbans  
Mike Polese  
Caroline Warner  
Kerry Inboden  
John Guss  
Millie Marquess  
David Guss  
Larry Snell  
Ella Mae Hardenstein  
Greg Waldfogle  
Renee Pimsner  
Linda Cortelyou  
Charles Shanks  
Rosemary Murphy  
Dena Hatfield  
Kathie Taylor & Family  
Ed Burakowski  
Nancy Ray  
Innis Bultmann

Sunday, September 27	Monday, September 28	Tuesday, September 29
9:00 am Virtual Worship	6:00pm Racial Con	
Wednesday, September 30	Thursday, October 1	Friday, October 2
10:00am Staff Meeting		

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## Gathering Around the WORD

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PRELUDE: “We Will Glorify”

GREETINGS: Jan Gundersen Marjorie Clark

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rev. Julie A. Higbee

AWARDING PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD

CALL TO WORSHIP: Rev. Julie A. Higbee

*LEADER:* In your wisdom, O God, you call us to worship you.

**PEOPLE: We respond, alive to the word of God.**

*LEADER:* You call us to to be fully alive with life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**PEOPLE: We listen, alive to the word of God.**

*LEADER:* You call us to be always watchful for your word of wisdom,

Sometimes startling and unexpected,

Sometimes still and quiet,

But always dwelling among us.

**PEOPLE: We watch and wait for the word of God.**

### Δ HYMN OF PRAISE “God You Spin the Whirling Planets”

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Emma Cottrell

*PRAYER:* **God the Father bless us. God the Son help us. God the Spirit keep us, now and evermore.**

Δ CALL TO CONFESSION: Darren Smith

Δ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison) Marjorie Clark (St. Matthew’s Church, Scotland)

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling spirit. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Δ ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Jan Gundersen

*LEADER:* Hear the promises of God from Ezekiel:

“I will sprinkle clean water upon you, you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

### Δ HYMN OF GRATITUDE #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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## The WORD Proclaimed

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Beth McDonald

LESSON #1: Exodus 1:1-14 Carol Whitman

SPECIAL MUSIC: “One Day at a Time” Jackie and Andy Shepard

LESSON #2: Exodus 1:15-22 Rev. Julie A.

Higbee

*LEADER:* The Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to GOD!**

SERMON: “Midwives & Butterflies”

Rev. Julie A. Higbee

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## Responding to the WORD

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INSTALLATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OFFICERS: Rev. Julie A. Higbee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER: Rev. Forrest Foxworth

OFFERTORY INVITATION: Dr. Karl Kling

OFFERTORY: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Δ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### Δ HYMN OF GRATITUDE # 606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Δ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Apostles’ Creed* page 35 of Hymnal Dr. Karl Kling

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## Following the WORD

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### Δ HYMN OF SENDING “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

Δ CHARGE AND BLESSING: Rev. Julie A. Higbee

Δ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Δ *PASTOR:* As God’s people we all say, **PEOPLE:** Alleluia, Amen!

Δ POSTLUDE: “Fairest Lord Jesus Reprise”

The bud vase is in honor and celebration of the birth of Elizabeth Claire “Libby” Barnhill, daughter of Annie and Austin Barnhill and great granddaughter of Alma Pruitt.

**First Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation in the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**Rev. Julie A. Higbee, Associate Pastor; Rev. Forrest Foxworth, Parish Associate**

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