

# Sunday Worship

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## *God invites you to worship.*

God gathers us together to worship. God is worship's exclusive focus.

God's blessings inspire us. They draw us to worship the Lord.

God's Word instructs us. It guides us in worship.

God's presence uplifts us. Our soul will soar by worshipping our God.

No other experience better conveys God's uniting power than worship. Around us in worship are men, women, and children from various places in their spiritual journey. Yet, God is equally accessible to all. We are happy to provide 2 different worship services. They differ in structure and in many ways speak a different "worship language". The purpose is not to get everyone to go to both worship gatherings (though you are welcome to do so.) The purpose is to reach those who currently have not found his or her place. Looking for something more contemplative and intimate? Try our 8am-communion worship in the chapel. If you want familiar songs and prayers that were with you growing up, come to our traditional service at 9:30 in the sanctuary.

### ***8:00 AM – Communion Worship Service - Chapel***

Peaceful, contemplative, meditative, simple, and intimate. These are the words that best describe our early morning worship service in the chapel. Worship includes Scripture, sermon, prayer, and Communion. The worship style is a more traditional approach with Communion every week with a common loaf and chalice set up around the table. We hope you find peace and a feeling of renewal. Following this worship service you are invited to stay to participate in the Prayer Ministry, bringing concerns and joys of members and friends of our congregation before the Lord, as well as, praises and petitions for our community, nation, and our world.

### ***9:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary***

Familiar, comfortable, classic, structure, and traditional. These are the words that portray our 9:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. The worship style and liturgy typically follows the characteristics of worship that you may remember from your childhood. This service includes various choirs & musicians, organ music, hymns, Scripture, prayer, sermon, and celebration of the sacraments. The worship service begins with prelude music and ends with sharing a sign of peace and a blessing. We hope you will come each week and leave hopeful and fulfilled. Sunday school classes for all ages typically follow the traditional service.

*Invite your friends and neighbors to join God here at First Presbyterian!*

## OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAY

**Prayer Ministry** – gathers at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel after worship. First Presbyterian Church Prayer Ministry is open to everyone! Prayer requests are submitted to the prayer ministry team and we meet to pray for our congregation, their families and friends, our church and its leaders, our community, our military, and the world around us. We are seeking God's guidance for ways that we can grow this vital and important ministry and invite you to join us. Contact the church office for more information.

**Unbinding the Gospel** – This book by Maratha Grace Reese is written for church leaders. It is highly acclaimed as a guide for all intending to increase the vibrancy of a congregation. It has already been introduced by more than 12,000 congregations in 49 denominations. Pastors Cynthia Holder Rich and Patrick Cherry have the slated the following schedule beginning October 12: Sundays 6:30-8 p.m. and Wednesdays 5:30 7 p.m..

**T.U.G. Youth Group** – “Teens Under God” or TUG (formerly Thrive) is for all youth in grades 6-12. Bring a friend! Each Sunday evening throughout the school year we meet from 6 to 8 pm for fun, fellowship, and growing together. We gather in the Great Room with a game or activity together before moving up to the youth room to have an open conversation about who God is, and what it means to be a follower of Christ in our daily life.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45-11:35 A.M.

**Character Builders** – An ongoing Bible Study appropriate for all ages and levels of Bible literacy using *The Present Word*. Members of the class and guest leaders facilitate the lesson discussions. You are welcome to participate on a regular basis or to drop in any Sunday to enjoy stimulating discussion, good fellowship and delicious refreshments. The class meets in Room 209-210 during the Sunday school hour (10:45 – 11:35 a.m.). Lessons during the Fall Quarter units are based on the theme “Sustaining Hope.” This quarter has three units, based on scripture from Jeremiah, Job, and Ezekiel. JoAnn Essinger is the class President.

**Adult Education Seminars** – The Sunday Morning Seminars are designed to provide opportunities for growth in Christian discipleship. We strive to address topics that are interesting and relevant with a balanced emphasis on Scripture, our Presbyterian heritage, our connectional Church, mission and outreach, community, and living as a Christian in today's world. Adult Education schedules are prepared every three months. Anyone with ideas or requests or suggestions should contact Nancy Wilkins in person or at 419-423-3959 or email [njw706@aol.com](mailto:njw706@aol.com).

**Circle of Friends** – A Presbyterian Women's circle that meets the first Sunday of the month during the Sunday school hour (10:45 – 11:45 a.m.). This year the group is using the 2014-15 Horizon's Bible Study, *Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians* by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty. This circle provides a perfect opportunity for mothers and busy women to be involved while you are already at church. Nursery care and Sunday school classes are available for children. All women are welcome. Contact Circle of Friends Moderator Jane Ann Deter for more information.

**Blood Pressure Screenings** – Get your Blood Pressure checked by a medical professional on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month in Room 214 beginning at 10:45 a.m.

**Community Dinner** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month in the Great Room, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Come to eat, fellowship & volunteer.



*A place of work, witness, welcome & worship.*

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