

## To Our Visitors, Welcome!

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and we invite you to join us for fellowship, coffee, and cookies after the service in the parlor.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the worship service, however a nursery is available for infants and pre-school-aged children. Ask anyone with a nametag for directions. Denim activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

## Minute for Mission

Our church's Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Dorcas Comfort Ministry, has reached out to members of our congregation and the community for nine years. Dorcas is the Greek name of a woman in the book of Acts who was considered a model of traditional family values. She is referred to as a female disciple, the only time the word is used in the New Testament. She was known for producing garments for the poor and dedicating her life to good works and acts of charity. Highly revered by her community, when she died, Peter raised her from the dead. This miracle is said to have been instrumental in the spread of the early Christian Church and Peter's ministry.

Our Dorcas Ministry has made fleece blankets, shawls, flannel vests, embroidered pillow cases, quilts, soft pillows, and other gifts for many members of the congregation during times of sadness, pain, or of great joy for a wedding, birth, or graduation. In addition, for over 8 years, well over 1000 fleece blankets and knitted slippers have gone to the women and children of the Rescue Mission's women's Transformation Center!

For the last few months, the Dorcas Ministry has moved in an additional direction by making baby quilts, blankets, caps, and bibs for True Care Pregnancy Resource Center. Completed projects will be given to True Care three times each year. If you find you have leftover flannel fabric, quilting fabric, batting, or clean adult-sized tee shirts in a bright fabric, the group could put them to good use!

The Dorcas Ministry meets the first Thursday of the month at 9 AM if you would like to learn to make the baby items or fleece blankets. In addition, if you would like to learn to knit slippers for the women and children who are guests at the Transformation Center, small groups will be learning from Marielle Bondurant at her home September 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact MH Hennagin if you would like to join the group.

## Prayer Concerns

- ✦ For Elisha and Eli (our CWRM Family Rescue Initiative family), Barb Matthews, Heather Milliken, Jacque Moss, Dominique Hennagin Dobson
- ✦ For our country and all her officers, our state and all her officers, and our local community and all her officers.
- ✦ For all military men and women and their families, including Brian Barksdale, and especially for those serving in dangerous positions
- ✦ For the EPC Presbytery of the West, specifically for *Rev. David Zook and Morningside Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Arizona*; our Elders and Deacons; Kenya's Chogoria South Presbytery, the four churches of the Kamwangu Nendini, and Pastor Mackylas; Ali Arhab and Channel North Africa's outreach to new Christians and to Muslims; our EPC missionaries and their families
  - ✦ *\*Each week we will focus our prayers on one specific church in the EPC Presbytery of the West.*
- ✦ For Christians suffering persecution in Libya, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan; for Christians at risk in Nigeria, Kenya, Algeria, Jordan, Egypt and elsewhere

## Upcoming Events for the week of September 28 - October 4

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
8:45 A.M. Worship Comm.  
5:30 P.M. Facilities

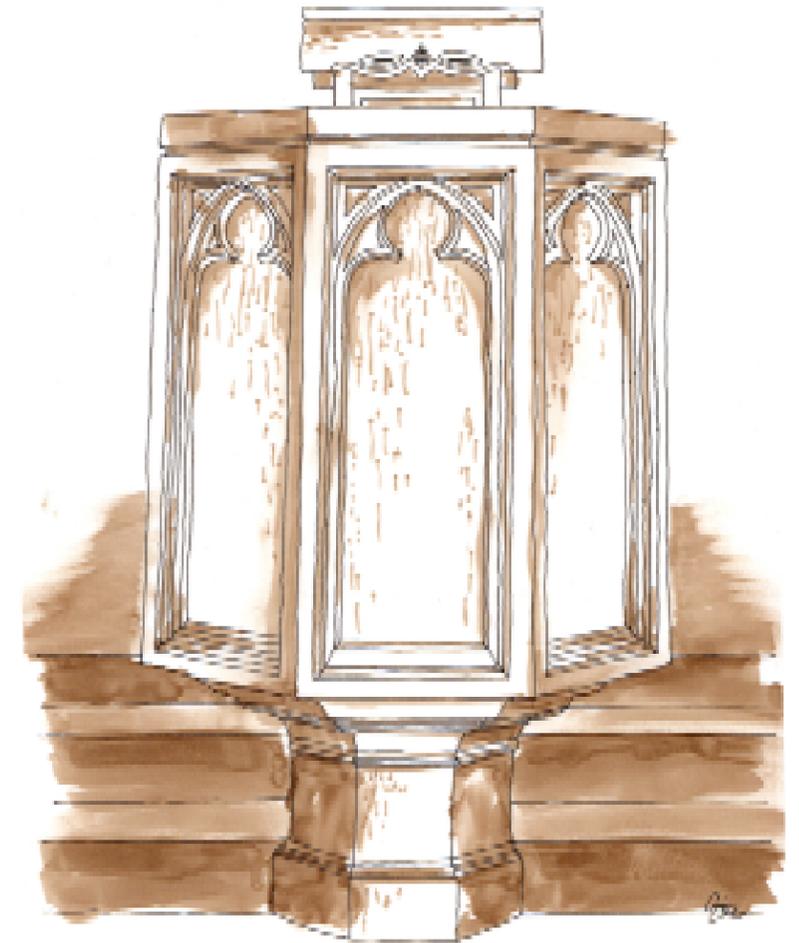
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
4:15 P.M., 6:15 P.M.  
Companions in Christ

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**  
7 P.M. Choir

**Next Sunday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**  
9:15 Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship

**Text:** 1 Samuel 19  
**Sermon:** "Demonstrating Who You Belong To"

# First Presbyterian Church (EPC) September 27, 2015



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# Order for the Worship of God

September 27, 2015

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

**People: And also to you.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *O Worship the King* #2

**\*Call to Worship** From Psalm 95

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

**People: Oh, come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

## \*Invocation

**\*Hymn** *The Is My Father's World* #111

**Psalter** Psalm 140  
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 522, [Red] p. 663

**Reading alternate verses, last verse in unison**

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, we have grown to take the gospel for granted. We consider your love all too common and unremarkable. We treat your gift of grace as something we deserve or something that cost you nothing. Forgive us, most merciful Father, for treating divine grace like cheap grace. Restore in us the joy of our salvation that we might proclaim your praise and walk in obedience to your will. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who has died for us.

~ Silent confession ~ Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri** #735

**Anthem** *Wake Every Breath* Billings

## Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament Text

1 Samuel 17  
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 239, [Red] p. 305

**Sermon** *Defying Giants* Pastor Mark Tippin

**\*Hymn** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* #345

### Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving  
Intercession  
For the Church  
For the Ministry  
For the Nation  
For all People  
The Lord's Prayer

### Tithes and Offerings Offertory

**\*Doxology** #731

**\*Confession of Faith** *Westminster Confession 3.6*

Just as God has determined that the elect shall be glorified, so, too, in the eternal and completely free purpose of his will he has foreordained all the means by which that election is accomplished. And so, those who are chosen, having fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ. They are effectually called to faith in Christ by his Spirit working in them at the right time, and they are justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by his power through faith unto salvation. Only the elect, and no others, are redeemed by Christ, effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved.

**\*Hymn** *By the Sea of Crystal* #549

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Organist	Mark Mehn
Liturgist	Henry Groenenberg
Head Usher	MH Hennagin
Greeter	Sue Rainey
Nursery	Nita Christensen, Susan Jacobsen

## Information

- ✚ Please call the church office (237-9509) ...  
If you or a member of your family would like a visit while recuperating in the hospital or at home.  
If you have a prayer concern for the Prayer Band.  
If you have a prayer concern for the bulletin.
- ✚ The Session would like for each member to have a copy of the EPC Leadership Training Guide. You can pick up a free copy from the literature rack by the office door.
- ✚ Session requests that each member pay an EPC Annual Asking Amount of \$48 for 2015 (above and beyond your pledge)

## Our Mission Statement

Out of humble gratitude for the free and undeserved gift of grace we have received through Christ, the mission of First Presbyterian Church (EPC) is:

**To proclaim, with boldness, God's glory, truth, and love revealed to us in his Word through the Holy Spirit. We seek to worship Him with our entire lives, being continually reformed to Scripture, our only guide in faith and practice.**

## Announcements

First Presbyterian Church has an immediate opening for the housekeeping position, which requires about 10 – 15 hours per week. Some weeks may require additional hours. General duties include cleaning the restrooms, vacuuming the carpet, dusting and emptying building trash. Hours can be flexible. If you would be interested, please contact Henry Groenenberg at 259-3715 or [hg3421@live.com](mailto:hg3421@live.com). You can also contact the church office at 237-9509.

We would like to express our thanks to Patti Christensen, who has provided this and many additional services for the past six years.