

W CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

18th Sunday
after Pentecost
September 23, 2018

Sing a New Song!

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Brad Clayton

Prelude

Adam Ravain
Guest Organist

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Lee Marsh

O God, we stand in Your temple, proclaiming Your splendor and majesty.
You are the Holy One! You are full of glory!
We stand in Your presence in awe and humility.
We look and listen for Your presence here today.

*Hymn No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

*Call to Confession

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Hymn No. 851

**Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.**

Prayer of Confession

Lee Marsh

Holy God,
You call us to walk by faith. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. You call us to place our trust in You, to live according to Your direction. Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of Your love. Yet it's not easy to accept Your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith.
(*Silent confession*)

Forgive us, God our Creator.
Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.

Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Lee Marsh

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*The Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(During the Passing of the Peace, children are invited to come forward for the time with our young disciples.)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Mary Steen

(After the baptism, K-2nd graders may follow their leaders to Room 206 for Children's Worship. Parents are welcome to take 3-5 year olds to the playground for Children's Enrichment.)

Sacrament of Baptism

Crawford James Bevis

Choral Response:

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ
our King; born of the Spirit, we are God's children, faithfully now God's
praises we sing.**

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 6 *(pew Bible p. 553)*

Brad Clayton

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Send Me

Brad Clayton

Response to the Word

*Hymn No. 746

Send Me, Jesus!

Offering

Offertory

Will You Come and Follow Me

Chancel Choir

arr. Tom Trenney

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in Me.

Prayer of Dedication (*responsive*)

Lee Marsh

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Trinity Whitley

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 at 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 & The Lord's Prayer

Trinity Whitley

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.

*Hymn No. 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Sending Out Into the World

*Charge & Benediction

Brad Clayton

*Congregational Response

Amen

Hymnal p. 601

Postlude

Adam Ravain

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,
and Leave Everything Else to God*

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 29th wedding anniversary of Kathy and Pat Farrell.

Children's Worship resumes today. After the Prayer with Our Young Disciples, leaders will take Kindergarten through 2nd graders upstairs to Room 206, where they will learn more about why and how we worship. Leaders will take 3-5 year olds to the playground for Children's Enrichment time. As the children exit, parents please sign in your child at that exit door. Please pick up your children in Room 206 or the playground immediately following worship.

Fellowship Luncheon. There will be a church-wide Fellowship Luncheon after worship today! Everyone is welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship.

Officer Nominations Open. Know someone who would be a good leader? The Officer Nominating Committee is accepting nominations from the congregation for deacons and elders during the month of September. Nomination forms are available in the lobby, church office and on the website. Completed forms may be dropped in the offering plate on any Sunday in September.

Gather Coffee Bar, located in Fellowship Hall, is open on Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15 a.m., and on Wednesday evenings, 6-7 p.m. Come share fellowship over a cup of coffee and pastries!

New Member Class. Interested in finding out more about Faith Presbyterian Church? Ready to join? Just have some questions? Come to our next New Member Class on Sunday, **October 7, 11:45 a.m.**, in the Parlor. Please RSVP your attendance with Trinity (trinity@faithpcusa.org), and let us know if you need childcare. A light lunch will be provided during the class.

Wednesday Night Alive. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (beef stew, mixed green salad, cornbread, chocolate chip cookies) followed by programs for all ages. Join us!

Faith Formation. This week's topic is Taize Testimonials & Update by Ruth and George Reynolds and Anita Parish. The Tallahassee Ecumenical Taize Prayer Service is held at Faith on the second Friday of the month at 6 p.m., in the Sanctuary. The next service is Friday, **October 12.**

Book Talk. Join September's *Book Talk* on Thursday, **September 27**, for a discussion of *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. The group will meet in the Faith Library at 10 a.m.

The Pumpkins are Coming! Sign-up is now live at www.faithpcusa.org/pumpkins to help the Patch: work a shift or two, help unload pumpkins, paint faces, read at story time, provide baked goods to sell, bring a side item for the Patch Kickoff.

Pumpkin Patch Kickoff is Sunday, **October 7, 6 p.m.**, in Fellowship Hall. Check out this month's newsletter (available online or in the brochure rack in the lobby) for more information! There are multiple ways you can help with the Pumpkin Patch this year; details as well as sign-up links are available at faithpcusa.org/pumpkins.

Little Women. Don't miss Faith Presbyterian's musical presentation of the classic *Little Women*! Based on Louisa May Alcott's life, *Little Women* follows the adventures of sisters, Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March. Jo is trying to sell her stories for publication, but the publishers are not interested – her friend, Professor Bhaer, tells her that she has to do better and write more from herself. Begrudgingly taking this advice, Jo weaves the story of herself and her sisters and their experience growing up in Civil War America.

The performances will be in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, **October 5**, Saturday, **October 6**, Saturday, **October 13** at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, **October 14**, at 4 p.m. Tickets are available online only at faithpcusa.org/littlewomen.

Stewardship Update

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