

Sunday Aug 27	Monday Aug 28	Tuesday Aug 29	Wednesday Aug 30	Thursday Aug 31	Friday Sept 1
8:30am Sunday School - Rally Day	9:45am PW Bible Study				Church Office closed on Fridays
10am Refreshments & Snacks (SH)		10am Staff (C)			
10:30am Worship	11am PW Team (P)				
11:30 am Session Mtg		11:30am Staff Luncheon (P)			
	7pm meeting (SH)	7pm Scouts (SH)	5pm CCC Family Table		5pm-9pm FAVO

Copies of the September *Worship & Work* are available; please ask your usher.

**Fellowship Time on Sundays -**

Arrive a little early for worship and join us in the Fellowship hall for coffee, juice, and a cookie. It's an informal time for you to meet and talk with other PLPC friends. **10:00 a.m.** in Struble Fellowship Hall, ground floor of the Education building.



**August 27, 2017**

Order of Worship 10:30 a.m.

**GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements  
 Time of Silence  
 Prelude

Choral Introit God Welcomes All

Call to Worship (Psalm 100)  
 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
 Worship the Lord with gladness;  
 come into his presence with singing.

**Know that the Lord is God.  
 It is he that made us, and we are his;  
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
 and his courts with praise.  
 Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
 and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration  
 \*Hymn of Praise No. 139

*Come Thou Almighty King*

Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10; O.T. page 47

Call to Confession and Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives.**

**We confess to you our actions and words that cause separation and animosity between us.**

**We confess our attitudes that cause pain in others.**

**We confess our easy acceptance of words and thoughts that cause distress and fear.**

**We confess our ways of living which break down the lives of others and the life of creation itself.**

**We confess our part in all these things.**

**And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So that we may love you and our neighbor, and follow Christ, in whose name we pray.**

*(time of silent prayer)*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the Good News: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us, not to condemn the world but in order that we might be saved – healed and forgiven – through him. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn of Response No. 276

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

## THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

Following Welcoming the Children, age 3 yrs - 3rd Grade, will proceed downstairs for a Bible lesson. The children will return after the sermon.

Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 535, Tallis Canon

*Go with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day,  
That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

NT page 17

Sermon

**“Call of the Midwives”  
Dr. Dan DeBevoise**

\*The Affirmation of Faith, pg. 14

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

The Apostles’ Creed

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Built on the Rock, the Church Doth Stand*

Danish hymn

Chancel Choir

arr. S. Drummond Wolff, 1960

words by Nicolai Grundtvig, 1837, based on I Peter 2: 4-9; trans. Carl Doving, 1909

*Built on the Rock, the church doth stand, even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in every land; bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest, but above all the soul distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.*

*We are God’s house of living stones, builded for his habitation;  
He through baptismal grace us owns, heirs of his wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two his name to tell, yet he would deign with us to dwell,  
With all his grace and his favor.*

*Here stands the font before our eyes telling how God did receive us;  
The altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice and what his table doth give us;  
Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer. Amen*

\*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.***

## SENDING

\*Hymn of Dedication No. 442

*The Church’s One Foundation*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

**\*All who are able may stand**

**Ushers** are John Gardepe, Anne Gardepe, Marie Butler, Frank Kaney, John Rachey and Eleanor Hummert.

**Sanctuary flowers this day** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Betty L. Reynolds by Woody Reynolds and family.



**There are elders who meet for prayer in the East transept** of the sanctuary following worship. You are invited to ask for special prayer by meeting them there or placing a prayer card in the offering plate.

### Election of Elders

The Nominating committee for church officers has been selected and will begin meeting to discuss and select candidates for the office of elder to serve for three consecutive years in the Class of 2020. You can be of great assistance in our selection by praying for this committee and recommending individuals for these positions. List nominations for Elder on the bottom of this form and place in the offering plate or return to the Church Office.

Members of the congregation play an important role in this process. You have the opportunity, even the duty, to submit names of members who you believe should be considered. Any communing member, man or woman, any age, is eligible. Elders should be of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel both within the church and in the world.

#### Duties of Elders:

1. Strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation through regular attendance at worship.
2. Encourage the people in the worship and service of God.
3. Equip and renew the people for tasks within the church which fulfill the mission of the church.
4. Visit, comfort, and care for the people, with special attention to the sick, lonely, poor and any who may be in distress.
5. Serve as representative to the Presbytery and the General Assembly, if appointed.
6. Inform the minister(s) and the Session of those persons and structures within the church which may need special attention.
7. Perform those duties which all Christians are bound to discharge as responsible members of the church.

**NOMINATION SUGGESTIONS FOR ELDERS CLASS OF 2020:** You may include a statement on your suggestions. (Print please; return to office, a committee member or place in offering plate)

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