

First Presbyterian Church  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 am – Morning Worship  
Matthew Schultz– Pastor  
David Hagen- Music Director  
Jan Gruhn - Organist

**Prelude:** “Canon in D” Pachelbel

**Welcome and Opening Prayer** Rev. Matthew Schultz

**Introit** Chancel Choir

✠ **Hymn:** “God, Who Stretched the Spangled”  
#54

**Time of Reconciliation** Liturgist Diana Rotkis

Leader: Each week as a community we set aside time to admit our sin. For some, sin is hurting someone else. For others, sin is creating a rift between people. Sin may be our self-induced separation from God. However we understand sin, let us offer to God what lies heavily in our hearts this day. Let us pray: Forgive us God; we know we have fallen short.

**All: We turn our backs when we could embrace. We remain silent when we could speak. We speak when we could listen.**

Leader: Forgive us God; we know we have fallen short.

**All: We close the door when we could fling it wide open. We judge when we could seek understanding. We keep when we could give.**

Leader: Forgive us God; we know we have fallen short.

**All: Help us continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord.**

Leader: We offer our prayers of confession to God in a moment of silent prayer.

**Moment of Silent Confession**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

✠ **Response** Gloria Patri #805

**All: 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.**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Primary Choir** “Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam” Talbot & Excell

“This Little Light of Mine” Traditional

“This is My Commandment” Traditional

**Kid’s Time**

**Scripture** Romans 15:1-16 Page 1125

**Choral Anthem** “Help Us Accept Each Other” John Ness Beck

Scripture Luke 15:11-32 Page 1035

**Sermon** Rev. Matthew Schultz

Response

✠ **Hymn** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” #436

**Moment for Stewardship**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offering (Gifts can also be offered via our website)**

**Offertory** “Trumpet Tune” Stanley

(David Hagen-Trumpet)

Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral prayer/Lord’s prayer**

*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**  
**Benediction**

*"I Then Shall Live"*

#507

**Postlude:**

*"Hornpipe"*

Handel

***"Help Us Accept Each Other"***

John Ness Beck

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and Bring us to believe: we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all - not just for some, to love them as we find them or as they may become.

3. Let your acceptance change us so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

**Additional Announcements:**

**Lillie Berry Circle** will meet on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1pm -3pm in the church library. The study is: You are loved. New ladies are invited! Any questions please call Lois 344-1858 or Betty 277-3384.

**A-Men Lunch** will be on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 (noon) at Denney's on the corner of Northern Lights & Benson.

Want to help those who have been affected by Hurricane Matthew? Donations can be given to FPC and earmarked "Hurricane Matthew" and the money collected will be sent to the PC(USA) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA has already responded and is working alongside established partners in providing essential food, water and supplies to the impacted communities and villages in Haiti, Cuba, the Bahamas, and the USA. As long-term recovery needs are determined, our donations to the PDA will continue to support those impacted areas to ensure a comprehensive recovery.

Got your PFD? It is time to give your tithe to the 50/50 club. When you give a tithe (10 percent) of your Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend to the 50/50 club, 50 percent goes to FPC for missions and 50 percent goes to the Yukon Presbytery to help support the missions of the presbytery. Donations can be designated 50/50 Club and checks written to FPC.

The Deacons will be hosting a CAKE AUCTION on Sunday, November 13th after church upstairs. We are looking for between 10-15 cakes that are fall/autumn themed. Please consider making a cake to donate to raise money for the Thanksgiving dinner we will be having on Sunday, November 20th at 5:00. If you can't make a cake, consider bidding on one of the great cakes that will be presented. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex after church if you are interested in making a cake. Please see Chris Perham if you have any questions.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
October 23, 2016



THEREFORE, ACCEPT EACH OTHER JUST  
AS CHRIST ACCEPTED YOU SO THAT  
GOD WILL BE GIVEN GLORY

ROMANS 15:7

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