

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
August 27, 2017
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 124)

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
Then our enemies would have swallowed us up alive,
Then the flood would have swept us away.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

* HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" 276

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, Christ calls us to faith, while we seek our own security. He teaches us to trust him, yet we don't take that risk. He expects total commitment, and we think in terms of percentage. Time after time we turn our backs on your grace, serving our idols and forsaking Christ. We rely on your promise in him to redeem us. O God, in Christ, have mercy upon us.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

FIRST READING Exodus 1:8-2:10

* HYMN "Called As Partners In Christ's Service" 343

SECOND READING Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON

"Vigorous"

Rev. Janell Blair

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Litany for Synod Sunday

We, who are many, are one body in Christ—

Lord, you brought the Israelites out of bondage and gathered them together as your people. Gather us together now as your church; reaching across boundaries to make visible the Good News of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, connect us....

We, who are many, are one body in Christ—

By baptism, you claimed us as your beloved children and gave us grace sufficient for our calling. Remind us of our different gifts: for teaching, for ministry, for leading, for giving. Use us according to our gifts to transform our world until it more closely resembles your kingdom. Lord in your mercy, equip us....

We, who are many, are one body in Christ—

Because you loved our world so much, you sent your only son to walk among us, and to make all things new. From East and West, from North and South; from Louisiana and Arkansas, from Oklahoma and Texas you bind us together in wholeness as the Body of Christ. Renew our spirit of unity, that in our common calling we may impact lives together. Lord, in your mercy, empower us...

Connect us, equip us, empower us to be doers of your word, bearers of your love and justice and reflections of your grace. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

* HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal" 447

POSTLUDE

***Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand**

Welcome: To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Announcements: Mark your calendars now! Sunday, October 1 will be the date we celebrate our 90th anniversary as a congregation!

Today we celebrate our first Synod Sunday. As members of First Presbyterian Church of Borger we are also members of Palo Duro Presbytery within the Synod of the Sun, which encompasses the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. As our insert this morning reflects, we are truly "members one of another" (Romans 12:5).

Birthdays: August 28 - Don Thompson.

Anniversaries: August 29 - Bob and Patty Kasch.

Flowers: No flowers were purchased flowers this week.

Refreshments: Carroll and Rosa Pace, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

Newsletter: Deadline to submit articles and information for October newsletter is **September 21, 2017**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.

Pastor: Rev. Janell Blair (361) 920-2492

Pianist: Marilyn Pearce

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing
10: 1 0 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule **Session** – Session meeting – TBA
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

Church Office 274-5331 / Church e-mail: firstpresborger@att.net,
Church web site: www.firstpresbyterianborger.org.



Synod Sunday

August 27, 2017

First Presbyterian Church
418 W. Coolidge
Borger, TX
(806) 274-5331