

First United Presbyterian Church

September 18, 2016

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

**O THAT MY HEAD
WERE A SPRING
OF WATER,
AND MY EYES**



**A FOUNTAIN
OF  TEARS.**

JEREMIAH 9: 1, NRSV

First United Presbyterian Church—Growing in Kindness Through God's Love

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Ian Chenault and Maggie Chenault

We rejoice with our church family & friends who are celebrating birthdays this week:
9-20 Jean Martin 9-21 Bill Bright 9-24 Cynthia Milton 9-24 Joshua Sedabres

We rejoice with Charles & Laura McIlvoy as they celebrate their
wedding anniversary Wednesday, September 21.

Please stop by our "Care Corner" in the hallway exiting the Sanctuary and sign
"Thinking of You" cards for: *Nona Corzillius, Lucille Schannot, and Lewis & Connie Trotter*



FLOWERS in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Bill & JoAnn Burcky
"In Loving Memory of the Burcky / Steider families."

FLOWERS in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Terry Harmon
"In Celebration of Terry's brother Larry on his birthday."

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- ✚ **For Healing:** Ritch Alexander, JoAnn Burcky, Jeff Frost, Jack Jenkins, Dorothea Jones, Sandy Kozyak, Terry Livingston, Dorothy Mitchell, Tammy Potts (*Carrie's sister*), Sandy Simpson, Shirley Yates. **ALSO:** Ryan Schmaeng (*friend of Dora Moenster*); Jodi, (*daughter of friend of Elyn-Mae Ullman*); Ruth Oster (*sister-in-law of Ruth Williams*); Max Aud and Randy Aud (*brothers of Ken*); Amelia Marie (*daughter of Lindsay & Travis Davis and niece of Stacie & Steven Light*); Dennis Vickers (*Friend of Greg & Mary Woll*); Carolyn Sheffer (*friend of Carl Tanksley*); Sarah McGuinness (*niece of Mary Waller*); Daniel McCommis (*son of Shirley McCommis*) and Jean Anne Burkholder (*sister of Bill Burcky*.)
- ✚ **Our Nursing Home/Assisted-Living Members & Friends:** Shirley VanBuskirk and Richard Branding (Granite City Nursing Home); Nona Corzilius, Lucille Schannot, Sid Vaughn, Terry Livingston (The Fountains of Granite City); Alice Konieczny (Aspen Creek of Troy); Betty Grayson (Stearns Nursing & Rehab); Logan Donaldson (Cambridge House, Maryville); Glenda Jeffreys (Nancy Alexander's mom - Wood River), Helen Martin (Cedarhurst, Edwardsville),
- ✚ **Our Home Bound Members & Friends:** Irma Rea and Charley Cross.
- ✚ **Our Military Members & Friends:** David Leistrutz; Chad & Tom Miner; Chris & Todd Moenster; Brian Ortiz; Justin Smith.

✠ Assurance of God's Forgiving Love

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

✠ Joyful Response

Pew Hymnal p. 581

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Praise Hymn

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
(verse 1)

No. 408

The Word

Jesus Loves the Little Children Moment

Sandy Kozyak and Friends

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1–13

Word of Music

"Be Thou My Vision"

Arranged by Dan Forrest

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

Sermon

Rev. Jeffery Welch

✠ Affirmation of Faith

from The Belhar Confession

We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. Amen.

✠ Hymn

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

No. 792

Sharing Concerns & Celebrations

The Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Pew Hymnal p. 35

After each petition, you are invited to respond:

God our Savior,

hear our prayer.

Prayer Response

**Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

The Offering

Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. —Hebrews 13:16

Offertory Music

“Be Thou My Vision”

Dale Wood

✦ Doxology

Pew Hymnal p. 606

✦ Prayer of Dedication

God of all good gifts, you bless us with so much to share. Use the gifts of our money and the gifts of our lives to bring your healing and hope, your justice and peace to our neighbors, near and far. Amen.

Sending

✦ Hymn

“Take My Life”

No. 697

✦ Charge and Blessing

Rev. Welch

✦ Choral Response

“Amen”

Chancel Choir

Postlude

“Go Forth With Purpose”

Thomas Chesterton

✦ **All who are able are invited to stand.**

Questions for Reflection: *First Timothy 2:1–7 includes some important instructions on prayer: “I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone” (1 Timothy 2:1). In particular, the writer encourages us to pray for “kings and all who are in high positions” (2:2). In your own practice of prayer, how do you remember leaders and others in positions of authority in your nation or community? What kind of prayers do you think they need?*

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 18

- 9:00 a.m. Adult and Youth Sunday School and Nursery
10:15 a.m. Worship Service – *(Nursery provided)*
3:00 p.m. Ordination of Jay Summerville - Second Presbyterian Church, St. Louis.

Monday, September 19

- 2:00 p.m. “Celebration” at Granite City Nursing Home *(games and cake)*
6:30 p.m. **SESSION Meeting** – Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, September 21

- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Rocks – St Peter’s
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice – Choir Room

Saturday, September 24

- 9:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women’s Fall Gathering – John Knox Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 25

- 9:00 a.m. Adult and Youth Sunday School and Nursery
10:15 a.m. Worship Service – *(Nursery provided)*

Next week’s lectionary texts: *(26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

Jeremiah 32:1–15; Psalm 91;
1 Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31

Per Capita for 2016: \$30.34

Bread of Life

Our next Bread of Life dinner will be on **Wednesday, October 5** at the Community Care Center. Cooks will be needed starting at 2:30 p.m., servers will start about 4:30 p.m., and a clean-up crew will start about 5 p.m. Menu will be announced as soon as it is posted. If you have any questions, please talk to Ruth Williams or Betty Miles-Smith. Hope to see you there.



Fundraiser Night at Ravanelli's

"Thank you" from the Deacons for supporting this fundraiser Monday night for our church. First United Presbyterian received \$161.13, which was 25% of the sales. Again "thank you" for your support.

TWIGS Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Thursday, October 13

Pastor Lisa Guilliams, *Founder/Chief Dreamer - The Family TreeHouse - Twigs & Figs*, would like to invite the **volunteers** who worked the **TWIGS program** to an appreciation dinner on Thursday, October 13, at 6 p.m. at Park Grill Restaurant, 2800 E. 23rd Street, Granite City. Please contact Lucille Trittschuh by Sunday, October 9, if you are interested in attending so Lucille can give Pastor Lisa a count as to how many will be attending. (*Each Volunteer may bring one guest.*) See Lucille or the flyer in office for more information.



Peace & Global Witness – Special Offering

Share The Peace of God's Love – Nearly every day we are witnesses to conflict at home and abroad – violent, damaging, and seemingly unsolvable. Yet when peace seems most remote, God's grace brings it closer. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering supports Presbyterian ministries of peacemaking and witnessing to the peace of Christ. Envelopes for this offering will be in the bulletin on Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Sunday. See insert in today's bulletin.