



# First Presbyterian Church

Growing in Faith and Love



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*The music of the Opening Voluntary draws us from the outside world into the presence of God. In preparation for worship, you are invited to use this time for prayerful reflection.*

### Opening Music

Improvisation, John Tabler

### Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Prayer

### +HYMN 84

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

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### Confession, Forgiveness, and Peace

### Time With the Young Church

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Colin Matthew Richter

### Response (486)

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine. Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God’s you are, from God you came. Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ;s name.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

### FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Luke 1: 26 - 38

Pew Bible P. P. 56 - 57

## SECOND LESSON

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

Genesis 15: 1 - 6  
Pew Bible P. 12

Sermon

"Those Who Believe"

Dan Lewis

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### +HYMN 51

"To Abraham and Sarah"

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### Affirmation of Faith

### Prayers of the People

### Offertory Anthem

"Many and Great, O God, Are Your Work"

arr. Adele Dees

Many and Great, O God, are Thy works, maker of earth and sky; Thy hands have set the heaven with stars, Thy fingers spread the mountains and plains. Lo, at Thy word the waters were formed; deep seas obey Thy voice. Grant unto us communion with Thee, Thou star abiding One; come unto us and dwell with us: with Thee are found the fits of life. Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with God.

Native American melody

Text: Joseph R. Renville, 1842

Paraphrase of Psalm 95:4-5

### Charge and Benediction

### Closing Voluntary

Improvisation, John Tabler

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## TODAY'S SERVICE

Thank you to all of you who've joined us for the Sunday service via streaming, and for reaching out to say how much you appreciate the service. We continue to work to build on the success of the streaming service and improve it in a number of ways.

**NEW! - Our Fall Worship Services Schedule** has resumed and will continue through Memorial Day. *One worship service each Sunday will be posted on the website at 11am.*

## **Streaming and Video Worship Opportunities**

Due to the novel coronavirus, we are postponing until further notice all large group activities at FPC *including* public worship on Sundays. We will, however, **stream and post recorded messages several times each week**. In addition to our 11am Sunday service, there are many *NEW Opportunities to Connect this FALL!* You can find the recorded messages [HERE](#), and the Sunday services [HERE](#). Check your email inbox every Saturday at 9am for our FPC Weekly Update or go to the FPC website at any time.

**Communications from the church** regarding our events and future updates from our ministry partners can be found here: <https://www.firstonthird.org/updates/>.

## **Children's Ministry News:**

Join us as we journey along with the Narrative Lectionary for Family Faith Formation. Each week will include Nicole reading the Bible story, along with extra videos, activities, and questions that you and your family can do together to learn about God and share your faith journey with one another. You can find all of the information and this week's curriculum under the 'Family Faith Formation' Sunday school tile on the homepage of the church website, or get there directly here: <https://fpc-virtual-bible-school-2020.teachable.com/courses/enrolled/1114769>

**NEW: Give by Text**– You may now choose to give by text! Text the word FIRSTONTHIRD (no space) followed by a gift amount (no dollar sign necessary) to the number 73256, and receive a quick link on your phone to complete the transaction. NO sign-in needed!

**Colin Matthew Richter**, child of Matthew Blaine Richter and Allison Anne Richter, will be baptized during the 11:00am worship service this morning. We rejoice with the family!



## **Leading in Worship:**

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Dan Lewis, Pastor  
Nicole Newton, Associate Pastor

Richard Aylor, Associate Pastor

## **Participating in Worship Music:**

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Benjamin Horrell, Choir Director/bass  
Breanna Braak, soprano  
Whitney Harrison, alto

Jordan Hathaway, tenor  
Lauren Mittmen, soprano  
James Taylor, tenor