The Service for the Lord's Day The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Rondeau Jean-Francois Dandrieu

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 90)

Leader: Lord, you are our dwelling place in all generations.

People: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when

it is past, or like a watch in the night.

People: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

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Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

People: So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let

us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #430 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God our guide and guardian, your steadfast love and mercy have sustained us through times of joy and sorrow. You set before us the way of life and salvation, but we confess we are reluctant to venture forth. We confess our fear of the uncertainty of what lies ahead. We confess that we would rather remain in places that feel familiar and safe. Merciful God, forgive our fear and speak peace to our heavy hearts. Help us to see what you see, to follow where you go, and to live in awe at your presence. Give us strength and courage for the journey ahead. Set free our hearts, so that we would be willing to leave the ways of death and bondage behind, in order to claim the new life you promise, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

You are invited to extend a greeting of peace and reconciliation with the gathered worshipping community.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Gloria Patri)

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.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN SING #525 Here I Am Lord, v1, 3

#371 Lift High the Cross, v1, 4

SCRIPTURE READING John 16:16-22

SERMON Words We Need to Say: "Goodbye"

Jenny Spivey

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

*STATEMENT OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith)
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Offering

*The Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above,
ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

WE GO TO BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM

*HYMN OF PARTING #354 Guide My Feet

*LITANY OF FAREWELL (see insert)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Blest Be the Tie That Binds

POSTLUDE Sinfonia

*All who are able are invited to stand.

Henry Purcell

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FPC!

Welcome to our visitors today! We are glad you are here and we hope you will join us for worship again. If you are interested in joining our church, there are three ways you may do so. They are: transfer of letter from your church of previous membership, reaffirmation of faith if you have already been baptized; and baptism and affirmation of faith if you have not been baptized. If you are interested in joining, please ask our pastor for more details.

Please use the friendship register to indicate your presence in worship. Pass the register back to the center aisle and note those who are seated with you on the pew and greet them following the worship service. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please include your address, telephone number, and e-mail as well.

Children are welcome and invited to worship with us in many ways! There are worship bags and Children's Bulletins in the narthex. Children of all ages (even grown-up children) are invited to come forward at the *Time with Children*. During the summer, children age 4 and above are encouraged to worship with their families and should return to their seats after the *Time With Children*. There is a nursery downstairs beneath the narthex for children ages birth through 3-years-old during the entire service.

Ushers: Monty Montgomery, Dennis Casey, Joan Montgomery,

Henry Moore, Ashby Pritchett.

Lay Reader: Milt Davis.

The flower arrangement is placed in loving memory of Harry Lee Dunn on his birthday by Marge Dunn and family. In lieu of live flowers a donation has been made to *Cooks Who Care*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The new e-mail address for the Steeple Views is fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com The next issue will be combined for August and September; the deadline is August 4. The new e-mail address is also for items for the church web site, Facebook page, and the local paper.

Next Sunday, August 3, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. According to the <u>Book of Order</u> of the Presbyterian Church USA "access to the Table is...a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance and love..." We are invited to confess sin and brokenness, seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal" (p. 98) Let us prepare our hearts and minds this week to celebrate Communion next Sunday as a church family.

Next Sunday, August 3, the Rev. Mark Hinchcliff will be introduced to the congregation. He and the Rev. Steven Earl, Associate Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Peaks, will conduct both services.

On Sunday, August 10, a congregational potluck lunch, following the 11:00 service, will be organized by the PNC to welcome Rev. Mark and Tracy Hinchcliff to FPC.

Contributions to the 2-Cents-A-Meal Offering may be made today.

Prayer Concerns

Carolyn Carr, Beth Ford, Leana Givens (friend of Christy Kropp), Jean Linker, Clara Hartley, Irene Inman (friend of Sanders family), Robert King (friend of John Brown), Christy Kropp, Doris Marshall, Charlie Miller, Barbara Regen, JoAnne Sanders, Harold Wells, Caitlin Younger (friend of Christy Kropp), our pastor-elect Mark Hinchcliff, and all our troops throughout the world.

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Church Calendar

	Church Calendar
Sunday, July 27 (Jenny's last Sunday)	
8:30 a.m.	Early Worship
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Reception
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
Monday, July 28	
9:00 a.m.	Camp Peaks Day Camp
Tuesday, July 29	
9:00 a.m.	Camp Peaks Day Camp
Wednesday, July 30	

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9:00 a.m. Camp Peaks Day Camp 5:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, July 31

9:00 a.m. Camp Peaks Day Camp

Friday, August 1

9:00 a.m. Camp Peaks Day Camp

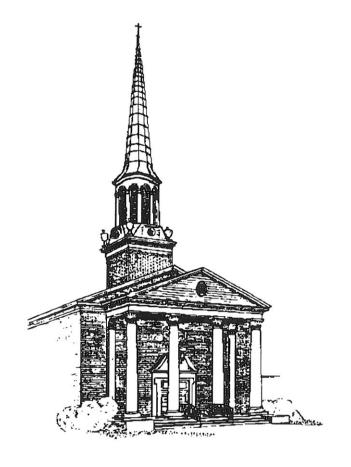
Sunday, August 3

8:30 a.m.	Early Worship
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Reception
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
12:00 p.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn

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Our Mission
Share God's love, embrace our neighbors, nurture each other.