



First Presbyterian Church of Athens

In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

June 12, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, please silence your cell phone. The nursery is available downstairs. Consult an usher if you need a personal hearing device, large-print bulletin or hymnal.

Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prelude

NICAEA

Piet Post

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad.

Song of Gathering

Hymn No. 489, Stanza 1

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there.

Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;

O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

Call to Worship

1 John 4:9-10

Leader: In this is love,

People: not that we loved God

Leader: but that God loved us

People: and sent God's Son into the world so that we might live through him.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

***Hymn No. 138** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

****Latecomers may be seated.

Much of the imagery of *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

* Those who are able may stand.

Children, age four through grade two, may come forward for a message and then leave for Children's Church located in the Children's Ministry Suite. To pick up your child after the service, please go through the Atrium and down the stairs.

Today's anthem was commissioned in honor of Dr. Glenn Doak's twenty years of service as our Senior Pastor. The composer writes, "Alleluia" is a song of praise and, more importantly, of celebration. This setting seeks to tap into the souls of both humility and exaltation as it paints words across a full spectrum of emotion. In this way, 'Alleluia' may be seen as a more comprehensive word for all people and all occasions; the euphoric utterance that joy and love thrive unconditionally." Daniel Elder (b. 1986) is a prolific composer of vocal and instrumental music. He began attending First Presbyterian Church in 1997 and sang in both our youth and Chancel Choirs.

***Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, you have called us to serve you,
yet without your grace we are unable to please you.
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we were called as members of a single body.
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Worshippers may greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you,"
and responding, "And also with you."*

A Time for Young Children

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Congregational Prayer for Illumination Hymn No. 321, Stanza 1
**Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God, and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

First Lesson Genesis 12:1-4a, page 9

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

Anthem *Alleluia* Daniel Elder

Second Lesson Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, page 1098

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Sermon *Reprise* Dr. Doak

Text: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors. . . .
Hebrews 11:1-2a

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn No. 275** *God of Our Life* SANDON

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 16
. . . forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. . . .

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Every worshiper, young and old, is encouraged to offer a gift out of gratitude to God.

Offertory

You Will I Love

K. Lee Scott

You will I love, my Joy, my Crown, you will I love, my Lord, my God;
you will I love, beneath your frown, or smile, your scepter or your rod;
what though my heart and flesh decay, you will I love in endless day.
I thank you, uncreated Sun, that your bright beams on me have shined;
I thank you, who has overthrown my foes, and healed my wounded mind;
I thank you, whose enlivening voice bids my freed heart in you rejoice.
Give to my eyes refreshing tears, give to my heart, chaste, hallowed fires,
give to my soul, with radiant fires, the love all heaven's host inspires;
that all my powers, with all their might, in your sole glory may unite.

*Doxology

Hymn No. 592

**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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

*Hymn No. 543

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

Presentations and Reflections Honoring Dr. Doak

Mr. Greg Daniels, Ruling Elder

The Honorable Nancy Denson, Mayor of Athens

Dr. Bob Burton, Ruling Elder

The Honorable Lawton Stephens, Ruling Elder

Prayer

Dr. Dykes

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Hymn No. 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

*Postlude

Improvisation on NICAIA

John Coble

The offertory anthem was composed for the celebration of the installation of Dr. Glenn Doak and the 175th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of Athens. The text is by Johann Scheffler (1624-1677), translated by John Wesley (1703-1791).

The Rev. Dr. Ray Dykes graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School. He has served Presbyterian churches in Tennessee and Oklahoma, and is currently president of the Personal Faith Program which ministers to the unchurched. He and Dr. Doak have been friends since 1983.

Reception Honoring Dr. and Mrs. Doak

Following worship, all are invited to a reception in Fellowship Hall celebrating the ministry and retirement of Dr. Doak.