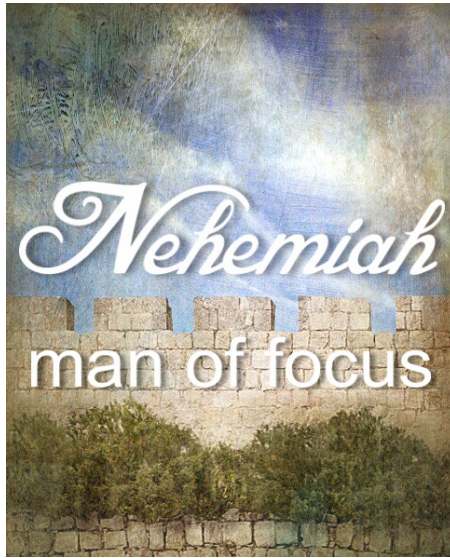


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Worship Resources For **June 17, 2018**



OUR CELEBRANTS TODAY

Pastor Geoff Kohler, Worship Leader
Cheryl Buesking, Worship Host
Matt Weaver, Pianist/Organist
Mark Williams, Director of Music
John Meeder, Soloist

Prayer of Preparation

Hear me, Loving God, for I come as your friend. Remind my heart that you came searching for me and that you have been awaiting me here. You are always with me even when I lose track. You comfort and secure me by your strength and compassion. I'm here as your friend to celebrate your love. Amen.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, for the north and from the south. Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things

*HYMN OF PRAISE (BLUE Hymnal) #366 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

[Prayer Cards are collected by the ushers and handed to the Pastor]

*PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

In Unison:

God of new beginnings, you wipe away our tears and call us to care for one another. You nurture our hearts so that we leave aside our own wants and desires and hear those around us. Give us eyes to see your gifts, hearts to embrace all creation, and hands to serve you and each other every day of our lives. You know our deficiencies before we say them, but hear our hearts as we reveal the truth of them and our need for you.

(Time of silent prayers of confession)

One: In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

*PARDON

One: Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, "My child, your sins are forgiven." He also says, "Follow me." He calls us into life and leads us into the way that leads us into eternal life. My friends, hear and believe the good news...

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri (BLUE hymnal #579)

*SHARING PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: As God's forgiven people let us greet each other with an expression of peace.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Be Still, My Soul*

Lloyd Larson

*DOXOLOGY (BLUE HYMNAL #592)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **Isaiah 59:19-60:3 / Nehemiah 2:11-20**

MESSAGE *"Walking Out of the Darkness"*

Geoffrey S. Kohler

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Take a moment to quietly consider the Scriptures and Message of the day

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed [traditional], pg. 14. in the Blue Hymnal)

SENDING

*HYMN (BLUE HYMNAL) #391 *Take My Life*

*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

**ALL WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND*

Flower Dedication

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of
D. Peary Lindquist by his family.*

Summer Sunday Christian Formation

Infants, Toddlers & Pre-schoolers

(ages 6wks through Preschool)

8:30am—12:30pm

Room 37

Down the Hallway (just past the elevator) from Shirk Hall

Fully furnished by Lakeshore Learning Materials and staffed by early childhood educators, we invite all families with young children to take advantage of this resource.



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FPC Student Ministry

Summer Sunday Mornings

Youth Conversations

10 -10:45am in the Youth Café —Ground Level

Middle School and High School students will combine on Sunday mornings over the summer for games, food, and community.

This will be a great opportunity for students to relax and connect with friends.

Christian Formation for Adults

9:30am

Feasting on the Word

George Mann Rm., adjacent to Café First (ground level)

Bible-based lecture/discussion preceded by hymns

TODAY

“Jesus Teaches About Justice”

Matthew 15:1-9; Mark 7:1-13

June 24

“Reaping God’s Justice”

Luke 16:19-31; John 5:24-30

10:00am—10:50am

“Finding Significance”

Café First (ground level)

This course uses the Bible for guidance in how to achieve financial security – giving practical tools for people to be wise stewards of God’s resources. The series concludes today.

TODAY

Family Legacy Journey

FOCUS

As we go through the Nehemiah series we're considering the process of Focus.

Here are some points that were lifted up in recent messages,
and we'll carry them through the summer:

- Claim our first identity as being a servant of God
- As we face the news of the day, we consider what stirs our heart and resonates with what stirs God's heart
- We get fully engaged – respond emotionally, physically and spiritually
- With God's help we plan so we can face whatever stands in our way
- We gather resources and watch for God's provision

Happy Hour!

An all-ages all-church gathering on the last Sunday of every month.

Sunday, June 24—10am in the Foyer.

Join us for Brunch BBQ!



All Church Picnic AUG 25

5pm

Neffsville Community Park

Bring your favorite covered dish/picnic fare to share.

Hess' BBQ will be supplied.

Come enjoy amazing potluck food, bouncy castles and time to enjoy the fellowship of our church community!

Choral Camp Showcase Concert Friday, June 22

Summer Kids Choral Camp culminates in a final performance on Friday, June 22 at 7:00pm in our Sanctuary.

This celebratory and fun-filled concert showcases all of the growth, learning and exploration that the children have worked hard on all week.

You'll also have another chance to see the incredible handbell duet performed recently by our own Stephan Englehart and Dominic Baldoni.

It's a joyous time and a fantastic opportunity to extend welcoming hospitality to the local families that are experiencing First Presbyterian for the first time through the camp.



Next First Followers Community

Begins August 6, 2018

First Followers is a year-long practical study of the process of becoming your best self for the world.

Designed and created here at First Presbyterian, the First Followers journey takes participants through an intensive exploration of their personal God-narratives, the work of the Spirit, spiritual practices and community.

The next First Followers community ("Community Three")

begins August 6, 2018 with an **application deadline of July 15, 2018**. Visit www.fpclive.org and click on the First Followers button for more information or contact Pastor Dan Snyder (dan@fpclive.org).