



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter

September 1, 2019



We Presbyterians only observe two sacraments: baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both involve the Body of Christ and both incorporate us into the living body of Christ in the world.

In his work, *The Cost of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote that because baptism and the Lord's Supper flow from the "true humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ" the church takes visible form through them. These are bodily encounters with Jesus, through which we become "partakers in the fellowship and communion," the *koinonia*, of His body.

That means that we are not merely a group of distinct individuals who voluntarily show up on Sunday mornings because we like church or assert Christian slogans. It is much, much more. We are a group that has been claimed by Christ, saved by Christ, incorporated into Christ, and are the body of Christ in the world.

Bonhoeffer says that the gift of the sacraments is the gift of the body of Christ in the church. It is by *receiving* the body of Christ that we *become* the visible body of Christ.

So as you come to church this Sunday, please do not come simply as one who professes the Lordship of Christ over your life. Come with a deeper purpose. Come as one who is part of the very body of Christ. Then we will not just be a church but a holy community, truly the visible church.

See you Sunday,

Allen

SUNDAY, September 1, 2019

Join us as we gather for worship of our
Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ

Old Testament:

Proverbs 25:6,7

Gospel Reading:

Luke 14:13,14

Epistle Reading:

Hebrews 13:1-5;11-16

Sermon: “Live Outside the Gates” Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, September 1, 2019		SERVING SUNDAY, September 8, 2019 RALLY DAY	
Acolyte	Walker Marsh	YOUTH SUNDAY	
Lay Liturgist	Brent Canady		
Ushers/Greeters	Bailey Little Randy Reed Lisa Turner Roy Turner		
Hall Monitor	Kathy Smith	Ushers/Greeters	Linda Anderton Tommy Anderton Ginger Shofner Richard Smith
A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady	Hall Monitor	Roy Turner
Children's Church	Raychelle Flannagan	Nursery	Margaret Anne Cobb
Nursery	Katherine Marsh		
Serving Holy Communion: Tommy Anderton, Kristin Conley, Margaret Smith			

Adult Bible Studies

Join us at 9am

Sunday, September 1st

ELA Classroom
Gospel of Mark

Russell Classroom
Responding to God's Grace
Lesson: Faithful During Distress



Monday, September 2nd
Church Office Closed

5 ¢ A Meal ~Sunday, September 8th

September 9th
Property Meeting ~5:00pm
Faith Development Meeting~5:30pm
Mission Meeting~5:30pm



Rally Sunday

September 8th
Christian Education Kick-Off

Youth Breakfast 9:00am
Youth will be conducting Worship Service

Bibles will be presented to our
2nd and 6th graders.

Good Samaritan
Beef Ravioli

Peanut Butter is 'always' needed.



Presbyterian Women's Fall Kick-Off



Tuesday, September 10th

Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Lunch Catered by Southern Connection
Cost: \$8.00

Pay at the luncheon

Day Circle will **NOT** meet

Night Circle will meet at 6:30pm at the home of
Connie Crafton

*If you would like to carpool to the Night Circle, please be in the church
parking lot by 6:10pm*

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

September 11th

Dinner at 5:30pm

Children's Bible Study 6-6:30pm

Children will be dismissed

Youth Bible Study 6-7:00pm

*If you wish to prepare a meal, there is a
sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.*



The Young and the Rest of US!

Join us for dinner

Saturday, September 21, 2019 5:00PM

at the home of
Mike & Karisa Matusek

Bring a side dish to share

RSVP to the Church Office ~ 684-6541 by Monday, September 16th



Who said to Paul,

"You almost persuaded me to become a Christian?"

A) Felix, B) Festus, or C) Agrippa