

**Order of Worship**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 September 16, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>We Meet Before Your Throne</i>	Johann Pachelbel
<b>Welcome</b>		
<b>Introit</b>	<i>Incline Your Ear, O Lord</i>	Danby
<b>*Call to Worship</b> (Responsive)		
<b>*Hymn 49</b>	<i>The God of Abraham Praise</i>	Leoni
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>		
<b>Response</b>	<i>Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us</i>	Hymn 575
<b>Assurance of God's Forgiveness</b>		
<b>*Response</b>	<i>Glory to God</i>	Hymn 582
<b>*Passing of the Peace</b>		
<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	Genesis 12:1-9	OT, p. 10
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Higher Ground</i>	arr. John Carter
<b>Sermon</b>	A Covenant Community: Are We There Yet?	Rev. Christie Ashton
<b>*Hymn 51</b>	<i>To Abraham and Sarah</i>	Llanfyllin
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b> (Unison)		The Iona Community
<b>Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Offering</b>	<i>Allegro from a Voluntary</i>	Henry Heron
<b>*Hymn 742</b>	<i>We Will Walk with God</i> (sing twice through)	Sizohamba Naye
<b>*Charge and Benediction</b>		
<b>*Response</b>	<i>O God, Who Gives Us Life</i> (verse 3)	Hymn 53
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>Maestoso</i>	K. Seeger

\*All who are able please stand.

**What's Happening at Hope:**

**New Sermon Series:** Last Sunday we began a new year of exploring God's story and our story – beginning in Genesis and continuing through the Scriptures. Our sermon series this fall focuses on being a "Covenant Community" living faithfully with God and one another. We will hear God's first promises to God's people, and consider how we can live into and response to God's promises today. We hope you will join us!

**Fellowship Lunch:** TODAY following worship, we will enjoy a fellowship lunch together. Please bring a dish to share, but feel free to join us regardless!

**Aquarius Club Lunches:** For the next two weeks we'll be providing lunches for our friends at the Aquarius Club, which is a fellowship activity for people with severe mental illness and is sponsored by the Mental Health Center. Both TODAY and next Sunday we will meet after worship to prepare the lunches. Also, we need someone to deliver the food on the following Mondays by 10:00 a.m. The sign-up sheet can be found on the credenza outside the sanctuary.

**Backpack Blessings Packing Party:** Following worship NEXT Sunday, September 23, we will have an opportunity to serve with a brief Backpack Blessings packing party as we pack weekend food bags for the children at Weatherly Heights Elementary. We hope you will help for a few minutes to support this important ministry. We "Hope" to see you there!

**The Hope Lunch Bunch** will meet for lunch on Wednesday, September 26 at Logan's Steakhouse, located at 4249 Balmoral Drive. Hope Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering at a local restaurant for fellowship and food with friends—all are welcome!

**Hope Presbyterian Playschool:** This week our friends learned all about the ocean and had lots of fun with their friends during our annual Water Day! Always a fun time as we learn through play at the Playschool!



**Assisting in Worship Today**

**Worship Leader:** Tom Giles

**Greeters:** Richard & Carol Welch

**Ushers today:** Andy Young, Tom & Anita Giles

**Ushers next Sunday:** Cheryl Hoard, Daniel Ray

**Sound technician:** Andy Young

**Church Calendar At-A-Glance:**

TODAY	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Lunch
Sept. 23	11:30 a.m.	Backpack Blessings party
Sept. 25	6:30 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
Sept. 26	11:30 a.m.	Hope Lunch Bunch

Our prayer family of the week is Peter & Traci Loveman. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Peter, Traci, and their family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.

The Elder on Call for September is Bob Lord. He may be contacted at any time for information, in case of emergency, or with any concerns at 256-883-2321.

**2018 Financials:**

Aug. Operating Income: \$ 12,702	Aug. Operating Expenses: \$ 8,110
YTD Operating Income: \$ 77,080	YTD Operating Expenses: \$ 72,204

*Prayer Concerns*

**Members:**

Sharon Campbell  
 Judy Counts  
 Kitsy Stracener  
 Sara Malaspina  
 Janet Onkey  
 Nona Kendrick  
 Barbara Jones  
 Mary Rudd  
 George & Beth Burks  
 Sandra Young  
 Bennie Langston  
 Dr. Chris Hauer  
 Shelby Albert  
 Faye Moore

**Family:**

Beth McCormick (Lewis & Margie Agnew)  
 Will Lee (Lewis & Margie Agnew)  
 Caleb Swann (Richard & Carol Welch)  
 Helen Ray (Daniel Ray)  
 Jane Yantis (Candy Lord)  
 Jim Loveman (Peter Loveman)  
 The family of Gene Daniel (Brenda Brazier)  
 Carolyn Adsit Haygood  
 (Debbie and David Adsit)  
 Gran & Karen Mitchell (Traci Loveman)  
 Jim Sterling (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)  
 Jean Clutts (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)  
 Susan Galyon (Barbara Dennis)  
 Kelley Tucker (Anita Giles)  
 Robert Crawley (Barbara Dennis)

**Friends:**

Scarlett Chandler (Shelby Albert)  
 Sue Hendrix (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)  
 Katie & David Ainsley (Barbara Dennis)  
 Janice Childress Wilson (Barbara Dennis)  
 Rev. Houston Hodges  
 Logan Shaffer (Barbara Dennis)  
 Pat Putman (Cheryl Hoard)  
 Patsy Sloan & Anthony Sloan (Vicki Compton)

**Those serving in our military**