

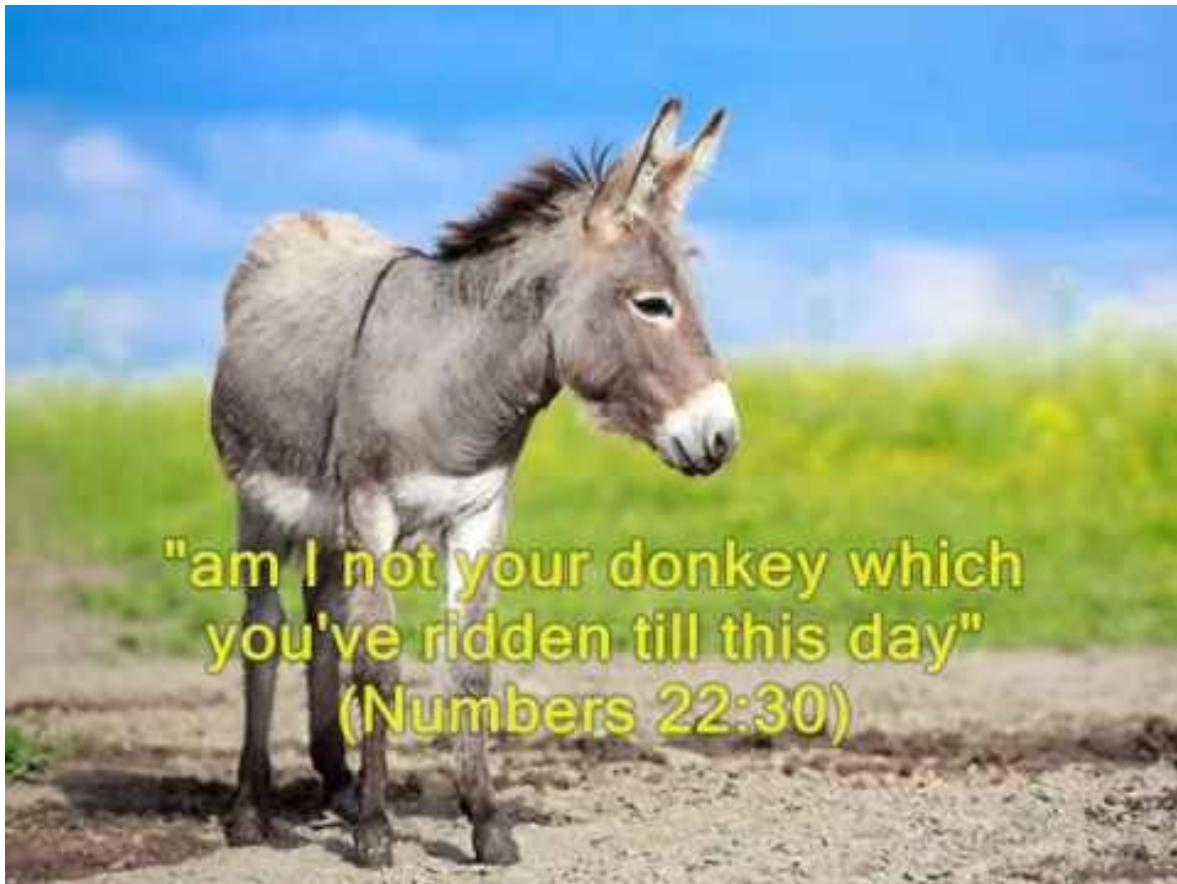
July 8, 2018



10:00 a.m.

*Where faith is nurtured, curiosity is encouraged,
diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

***Those who are able, please stand*



Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church is a living ministry of the Risen Christ in the heart of Lincoln.

*We praise God through worship
We live our beliefs through mission*

*We strengthen faith through study
We nurture a diverse community*

Prelude

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

setting by John Behnke

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others in your row, and then return it to the center aisle.

Call to Worship

Brittany Pfofner

One: By faith, we trust that we were created in the image of God.

All: By faith, we hope and dream and make plans.

One: By faith, we face our fears and insecurities.

All: By faith, we till the soil of our lives and plant seeds of love.

One: By faith, we follow where God leads.

All: By faith, we trust that God is present in our midst. By faith, we gather in this place to worship God together.

****Hymn #305**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

DARWALL’S 148TH

Call to Reconciliation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we are not always people who live by faith. We know that we were created in your image, but we treat ourselves and each other in ways that do not honor your presence within us. We know your laws and your commandments, but we choose to disobey you and to act in ways that harm our neighbors. We hear your call to reach out to those most in need, but instead we turn our backs on them and on you. Forgive us, O God, and help us day by day to become more faithful followers and the people you created us to be. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

People of faith, God is not ashamed
to be called your God.

By God's grace we are forgiven.

Let the church say amen!

All: Amen.

****The Peace**

One: Knowing that we are forgiven, let us be at peace within ourselves and be seekers of peace with one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

****Song of Joy #832** “Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand” KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA
(Kenyan adaptation of “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”)
(verse 3 only)

*(refrain) Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life.
He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life.*

*When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God’s holy throne,
my heart will not have any fear; in Christ’s righteousness I am here.*

*(refrain) Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life.
He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life.*

Children’s Time

Lynne Hughes

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-11 (NT Pg. 225)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Second Scripture Reading Numbers 22:22-35 (OT Pg. 141)

Sermon

Schooled by a Donkey

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

****Hymn #436** “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” O QUANTA QUALIA

Prayers of the People & 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.*

The Offering

Please place the top sheet of the friendship pad in the offering plate.

Text **MissionPossible** to **73256** to give by text

Offertory

Praeludium, from “First Modern Suite”, op. 10

Edward MacDowell

Ealyynn Hsu, piano

****Hymn of Dedication** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

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

****Prayer of Dedication**

****Hymn #738** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

****Charge and Benediction**

One: and I know you will, for you are

All: The Salt of the Earth

One: You are...

All: The Light of the World

One: You are ...

All: The People of God

One: And God goes with you.

Postlude Toccata, from "Fifth Organ Symphony" Charles Marie Widor

(You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude or exit quietly)

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Bob Martin and David Peabody*

Greeters:

Paul Kasl, Dorothy Schnieber

Ushers:

Trev Peterson, Sherry Smart, Jackie Sturm

Sunday Morning Drivers:

Pam Boyle, Nancy Field, Lynne Hughes,

Nancy Janike, Betty Tenhulzen

TV/Editing Crew:

Linda Brodzik, Jim DeFrain, Debbie DeFrain, Steve Hill

Shannon Janike, Paul Jasa, Tyler Knoche, Paul Smith

TV/Editing Crew Youth Volunteers:

Olivia Diedrichsen, Owen Hill, Andrew Peterson

*Join us for coffee and refreshments in the
East Entrance hosted by Jack and Shirley Cole!*

Pastor/Head of Staff:

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

Pastor for Sudanese Ministry:

Rev. Jock Tut Paleak

Director of Music:

Dr. Brian Pfofner

Organist:

Dr. Charles W. Ore

Director of Christian Education:

Kris Brammer