

**The First Presbyterian Church
Of Howard County**

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July 2021 Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 a.m. — *In-person Outdoor Worship (on the lawn)*

10:00 a.m. — *Summer Hybrid Worship (from the Sanctuary)*

*In-person (reservations required) and Livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube
Relaxed—Reverent—Joyful*

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**July 4
Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost
Communion**
Matthew 9:9-13
I Have a Job for You!
Morton Harris, preaching

**July 11
Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost**
Judges 6:11-14, 36-40
Gideon
Morton Harris, preaching

**July 18
Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost**
Acts 9:1-19
Paul
Sue Lowcock Harris, preaching

**July 25
Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost**
1 Kings 17
Elijah
Morton Harris, preaching

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September 2021 TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE DATE: **Thursday, August 12, 2021** by 9:00 a.m.
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August 1 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion

1 Kings 19:19-21 & 2 Kings 2

Elisha

Sue Lowcock Harris, preaching

August 8 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Acts 8:26-39

The Ethiopian Eunuch

Sue Lowcock Harris, preaching

August 15 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-10

Deborah and Barak

Morton Harris, preaching

August 22 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Guest: The Rev. McKenna
Lewellen, preaching

August 29 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 2:1-10

*Miriam, and all the other
women...*

Sue Lowcock Harris, preaching

September 5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion Last Day of Summer Schedule

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A Word about Sharing Communion at Home

In order to do this, you will need to have a few things in your home: wine or grape juice, and bread. The bread can be any kind – a slice of sandwich bread, a roll, tortilla, naan – it can be gluten free or with gluten. You will want a napkin or a plate for the bread, and something to hold the wine or juice – a wine glass, a juice glass, even a coffee mug would be fine. Please use bread and wine/juice.

- ✦ Place your bread and wine on a table or stand in the middle of the room where you worship, so your worship is around the table – just like it is when we gather in the Sanctuary.
- ✦ When it is time to break the bread, choose someone to lift the bread with Pastor Morton and break it, and then lift the cup with Pastor Sue. When we share the bread, you can pass it and tear a small piece of the common loaf/slice. When we share the wine/juice you can share by common cup (everyone takes a sip from the same cup) or by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine or juice) or by individual glasses. When all have shared, place everything back on the table for the rest of the service.

Wherever two or three are gathered – there Christ is in the midst of us.

Communion Sundays are the first Sunday of every month.

Next Communion Sunday is July 4, 2021 at the 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship services.

And on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at the 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship services.

Baptisms

Lots of celebrations have been delayed due to the coronavirus, including baptisms! We're now ready to start scheduling baptisms. Baptism takes place on Sunday morning during a worship service. If you'd like to talk about baptism, or are ready to schedule your child's baptism, please be in touch with Pastor Sue:

sharris@firstpreshc.org





New this year: Early Outdoor Worship Service

Our Summer Worship Schedule includes a new outdoor service.

As people get vaccinated and the positivity numbers decrease in the next few months, we're going to try two weekly worship services this summer.

- ✦ 9:00 a.m. in-person outdoor service
- ✦ 10:00 a.m. hybrid Summer worship service from the Sanctuary
In-person (reservations required) and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

The 9:00 a.m. in-person outdoor service will be similar to our summertime First Worship service – thirty good minutes of worship, for all ages, with prayer, music and a Bible Lesson. This service will not be livestreamed.

How to get ready for 9:00 a.m. outdoor worship:

- ✦ bring and wear a mask
- ✦ come to the front lawn – the park and ride is the most convenient parking
- ✦ bring a chair or a blanket – or there will be church chairs available too
- ✦ enjoy the music, but please don't sing for now (humming is ok!)
- ✦ get a paper bulletin at the Peace Pole or use your phone to view worship materials
- ✦ in case of bad weather please check the church website before you come!
Information will be posted by 8:00 a.m. if the service has been cancelled.
- ✦ communion will be shared safely on the first Sunday of July, August and September.

See you in worship!

9:35 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn every Sunday (except July 4th)!

(Weather permitting.) Everyone is invited for a glass of lemonade and a chance to see each other after the 9:00 a.m. worship or on the way to 10:00 a.m. worship. We haven't seen each other in over a year, and we're all wearing masks – so it's OK to ask people their names. See you on the front lawn!