

Morning Worship Service

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2018

11:00 A.M.

Life can be unsettling and worrisome for all of us. We get so caught up in our own concerns that we have trouble keeping everything in perspective. Even in this fast-paced, rapidly changing world of ours, God goes with us to help us meet the challenges we face. On this Thanksgiving weekend, we break from our everyday routines to give thanks for God's faithfulness and love.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a time for giving thanks; a time to be mindful of the good that encircles us.

People: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

Leader: Friends and family encourage and care, and this community shows us God's loving ways.

People: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

Leader: We find a home in God's creation, and the earth gives us good food to make us grow.

People: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

Leader: The seasons change. Sunshine comes and goes, yet your loving care for us is eternal.

People: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 559 *We Gather Together*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver. May we pray the Prayer of Confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. (Silent Prayers) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness. God calls us to new patterns and new life. We are a forgiven people!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen

*RESPONSE – No. 579 “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

Thanks Be to Thee

G. F. Handel

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 136: 1-9
I Thessalonians 5: 16-18

(OT) pg. 577
(NT) pg. 205

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Thanksgiving Meditation

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 426 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*
(1st and last stanza only)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY No. 592

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, You call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision. Give us courage to step out boldly, to plant our small seeds generously and without fear. Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, Your kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN No. 551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Congregation standing as able.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY

9:45 A.M.

Sunday School

11:00 A.M.

Morning Worship Service

MONDAY

8:30 A.M.

Preschool & Kindergarten

2:00 P.M.

Prayer Partners

4:30 P.M.

Mah Jongg/Rec Room

7:00 P.M.

Boy Scouts

TUESDAY

8:30 A.M.

Preschool & Kindergarten

9:00 A.M.

T'ai Chi Chih

10:00 A.M.

Staff Meeting

11:00 A.M.

Mary & Martha's Bible Study

7:00 P.M.

A.A. 12 & 12. Alanon

WEDNESDAY

8:30 A.M.

Preschool & Kindergarten

5:00 P.M.

Faithbuilders

5:05 P.M.

Handbells

5:30 P.M.

Supper in Fellowship Hall

6:15 P.M.

Advent around the Church

7:05 P.M.

Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

7:30 A.M.

Men's Breakfast (Holiday Inn)

8:30 A.M.

Preschool & Kindergarten

FRIDAY

8:30 A.M.

Preschool & Kindergarten

12:00 Noon

A.A. 12& 12 Group Meeting

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Are you looking for a church home? After worship an elder will stand at the baptismal font at the front of the sanctuary to provide information.

Leading Worship Today: Rev. Dr. Olin McBride; Liturgist Julie Gibens; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Ushers: Joel & Suzy Zimmerman, Jim Ingram, George White

Elder at the front of the sanctuary: Cindy Faucette

Greeting: Gay Abney

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Jimmy Crockett from Sarah and Marshall Jenkins.

We welcome Barbara McCullough into our membership today by transfer of letter from First United Methodist Church, Houston, MS. Please welcome her into the life of FPC.

Nursery Care is available for newborns through 4- years-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time.

After the children's sermon, pre-kindergarteners through second graders are invited to attend "**Wee Kirk**" with Heather Crotwell in our Extended Session room (very end of hall from nursery). This is a time of age appropriate lessons, songs, and games intended to prepare our children to fully participate in worship. However, all children are welcome in worship! If you excuse yourself and your child, you can hear the service over speakers in McFadden Hall (directly behind the Sanctuary).

Ritual of Friendship – Members and Visitors: Please sign the black attendance register every Sunday and pass it down your pew. Please read the names, greet one another, and meet new members and visitors.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

As a courtesy to those around you, kindly turn off or silence cell phones and personal communication devices.

Sermons are available by Podcast at www.firstprestupelo.org/podcast

Compact Discs of the service are available through the church office.

TV Broadcast of the service is the following week on Christian Network Television at 9:00 a.m. Sunday; and at 8:00 p.m. Monday on Channel 4 Comcast, Channel 49 Dish and antennae, and Channel 20 MaxSouth. Service is live streaming on youtube.com search *first pres tupelo*

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers. They also have devices to amplify the service.

PRAYERS

Cancer Treatments: Aimee McDonald Burrow, Julie Seiler, Judy Armentrout, Thaine Batte, Becky Franklin, Leslie Geoghegan

Homebound: Flo Shultz, Grace Stamps, Chris Thompson

College Students: Cooper Moore, John Hewitt Parker, Allie Randle, Andrew Ray

We care about you as we care about each other. If you would like to submit a prayer request, you may use the blue cards in the pews or in McFadden Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY SUPPER November 28 at 5:30 p.m. CHOP Barbeque Pulled Pork, Chicken Tenders, Cole Slaw, Finney's Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Tater Tots, Mozzarella Cheese Sticks, Rolls, Peach Cobbler, Lemon Lush, Chocolate Sheet Cake, Cookies, and Ice Cream **Use the form on the Attendance Register**, the web site, or call the Church Office at 842-5681 by noon **Tuesday** for reservations or cancellations. **Reservations required.**

Please join us for the **Christmas Parade Open House** Friday, November 30, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. Parade begins at 7:00 p.m., and FPC's own Margaret Anne Murphy is the Grand Marshal!! So come out and support her and have some fun and fellowship! We would like for members of the congregation to please bring pick up sweets or savory items to the church kitchen by 2:00 p.m. on that Friday. This is a great community outreach, so please bring items if you're able. If you have questions, please contact Holly Rogers at hollyirogers@gmail.com or 790-3241.

The Congregational Care Committee is asking for your help in providing gift cards for our 25 college students. We have been doing this for years to show our students that their church remembers and loves them. These will go out to the students before Christmas. We are asking for \$10 gift cards from Starbucks or McDonalds. We will also be glad to have monetary donations to purchase these cards. Please turn the cards or donations in to the office this week.

Helping Hands- Join our team to assist at Helping Hands Food Pantry on Saturday December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The team will help stock shelves and bag groceries for neighbors in need. We do this every 4 weeks. Helping Hands Food Pantry is located at 314 S. Church Street, Tupelo, MS and is an extension of First United Methodist Church of Tupelo. Children welcome. More info: rickjones2525@gmail.com or [662-213-1520](tel:662-213-1520).

FPC has moved to one service at 11:00 a.m. until January 6. Sunday School time will not change. This will allow Olin a bit more recovery time.

The Session

Clerk of the Session, Cindy Faucette

Class of 2019

Doyce Deas

Lori Dickerson

Rick Jones

Jimmy Milam

Lucy Nash

Judy Thomas

Mike Thomas

Rochelle Wallace

Class of 2020

David Carlisle

Vivian Fleming

Julie Gibens

Toni Martin

Rud Robison

Chris Rogers

Class of 2021

Mark Burleson

Sally Kate Collins

Ann Godwin

Richard Hastings

Glenn Thomas

Joel Zimmerman

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care

Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music

Dr. Ray Harris, Organist

Melissa McDuffie, Interim Youth Director

Heather Crotwell, Children's Church Director

Allison Neal, Communications Director

Danielle Frerer Ratliff, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs

Nannette Comer, Church Librarian

Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian

Teresa Nichols, Church Secretary

Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary

Sunny Waters, Director of Preschool

Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent

Joyce Richardson, Housekeeper

Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:

Worship 11:00 - 264

Weekly Budget \$15,418

Offering Amount Received 11-18-18 \$ 6,521

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 822,406

YTD Income Received \$ 747,425

2019 Stewardship Update

117 Pledges Totaling \$ 784,536

If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your faithfulness.



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