

Morning Worship Service

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper is a powerful symbol of Christ's presence in our midst. When we share the bread and the cup, we remember Christ's life, death, and resurrection. We also remember that his Spirit works in and through us, nurturing and renewing us and giving life to the church.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild* Douglas Warner

INTROIT *Table of Plenty* Dan Shutte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

Leader: We enter this New Year with hope and excitement.

People: O Lord, remind us that You lead us. O Lord, guide us as we look to You, and worship You.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we begin a new year in the shelter of God's love, let us be truthful about our lives, about our living, and about our limits. Let us offer to God and each other that truth as we pray the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are slow to anger and swift to have mercy. Forgive us when we treat time as a commodity or an enemy, when we abuse your gift of time. In our fastness and our slowness, help us to keep pace with you. Free us to live in your time, a new time, in which there is a time for everything under heaven, and slow is not too slow, and fast is not too fast. Transform us into people who see time as a gift and a friend, who live as if we have time, because we know that your time will never cease. Through Jesus we pray. (Silent Prayers) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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

TWO CENTS A MEAL

ANTHEM *We Three Kings* arr. Ruth Artman

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Matthew 3: 1-3 (NT) pg. 2
II Corinthians 5: 17 (NT) pg.181
I Corinthians 12: 27-31 (NT) pg.174

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Some Suggestions for the New Year** Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

HYMN No. 2 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

* Affirmation for the New Year

God is the eternal rock. From year's beginning to its end God is faithful. In each day God is present. In each action God comes close. Through all eternity God is trustworthy, yesterday, today and forever, sustaining, enlivening, and making all things new. God is the eternal rock.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* Charles Callahan

*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

It's the first Sunday of the year, and a good time for us to set priorities. We give these gifts with love and with prayer, indicating that the cause of Christ is uppermost in our minds and dear to our hearts. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

BLESSING AFTER MEAL

*CLOSING HYMN No. 29

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

* **Benediction for the New Year**

Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ. May the blessing of God who established heaven and earth fill our hearts and pour forth from us upon all people. May the blessing of the Lord who is born anew each Christmas time call

us toward a new tomorrow. May the blessing of the Spirit who refreshes and renews all creation guide and lead us as we enter the New Year. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord of Hosts from "Christmas Oratorio*
Camille Saint-Saens/Bish

*Congregation Standing- as able

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Worship Service
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
5:30 P.M. Youth Meeting

MONDAY

8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten
2:00 P.M. Prayer Partners
4:30 P.M. Mah Jongg

TUESDAY

8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten
11:00 A.M. Mary & Martha's Bible Study
Noon Circle 4/ Sheffield Class Room/
Lesson 6
7:00 P.M. A.A. 12&12 Al-Anon

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. Epiphany Service and
Dedication of Sparkle Boxes
7:05 PM. Choir

THURSDAY

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast (Holiday Inn)
8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten
5:00 P.M. Knitting & Crocheting

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.

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.

Leading the Worship Service: Rev. Dr. Olin McBride; Liturgist: 8:30 Rick Jones, 11:00 Andy Crotwell; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris
Elder at the front of the sanctuary: Richard Hastings
Greeting: Sandy Henson
Ushers: 8:30 Bill & Lori Dickerson, 11:00 Grayson & Bess Robbins, Jim Ingram & George White

Nursery Care is available for newborns through 4- year-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).

IMPORTANT REMINDER

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: Chris Thompson, Ruth Ann Wilcox, Bernice Baker

College Students: Hunter Johnson, Kathryn Martin, Retta Maxwell

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, and our pastoral staff and prayer partners will pray for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY SUPPER January 9 at 5:30 p.m. Dodge's Chicken Tenders, Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Corn, Tater Tots, Rolls, Congealed Salad, Full Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Lemon Dessert, Chocolate Delight, Chocolate Chunk 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.**

Don't forget to fill your Sparkle Boxes with "gifts" for baby Jesus! Draw pictures for people in the nursing home, bake cookies for the people who collect your garbage or deliver your mail, pass out Hershey kisses to all the cashiers next time you are at the store, write a note to someone you know is lonely ...it can be anything! Then just write your gift on a simple strip of paper and drop it in your box! We will dedicate these Sparkle Boxes and all our gifts at the Epiphany service January 9!

Walk through the Bible series begins January 13 at 5:00 p.m. Monday classes begin January 14 at 10:00 a.m. Classes will be held in the Session Room.

Souper Bowl Luncheon is Sunday, February 3. All proceeds benefit our Youth and our Guatemala & Cuba mission trips. You may donate what you would for a normal meal. Children's menu also available.

McMillan Lecture Series returns February 8. Dr. Erskine Clark, Professor Emeritus American Religious History at Columbia Seminary, will be our guest for a weekend of discussion. Please mark your calendar.

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

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Joyce Richardson, Housekeeper

Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Worship 11:00 - 127

Weekly Budget \$15,960

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 897,095

Amount Received 12-30-18 \$ 52,859

YTD Income Received \$ 885,900

2019 Stewardship Update

123 Pledges Totaling \$812,296

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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