

Morning Worship Service
Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Too many people today have a shallow Christianity and seem to be “playing church.” Jesus challenges his followers to make the kingdom of heaven the dominant quest of their lives. Yes, there will be sacrifices, but the spiritual rewards will be great.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

INTROIT *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Doris Akers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our world offers many avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

People: Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.

Leader: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

People: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.

Leader: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

People: Our God tells us if we want to be first, we need to go to the end of the line.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18) Let us admit our brokenness to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creator God, You created the earth, whole and round; You created us to be whole people. But we have become fragmented, cracked and broken. We have been broken by false promises, lost relationships, shattered trust. We have become cracked with the experience of systemic sin: prejudice, oppression and fear. We have become fragmented, building up walls instead of lending hands. Forgive us when we have done the breaking, heal us where we have been hurt. Let Your light shine through our cracks and scars so that we might bring light to the world, showing that in You we are made whole. In You we find healing. In You we find renewed life. Help us to forgive, to love, to mend. (Pause for reflection and self-examination) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is the Potter, we are the Clay. When we are cracked and broken, God helps to bring us back together. Sometimes we don’t feel the same afterward, but God uses every piece, and offers us the newness of life to begin again.

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 *Festival Anthem on Ellecombe* David Lantz, III

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:27-30 (NT) pg. 5
1 John 2:15-17 (NT) pg. 239

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Just A Round of Golf** Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 383 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, 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 rose 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 *Morning Has Broken* Dale Wood

*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

Lord, we present these gifts, but we also present ourselves as living sacrifices—breathing, moving, thinking, loving sacrifices—to be used for your cause. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 293 *This is My Father’s World*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *God of Grace* Paul Manz

*Congregation standing as able

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY

9:15 p.m. Sunday School
10:00 p.m. Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Youth

MONDAY

2:00 p.m. Prayer Partners
4:30 p.m. Mah Jongg

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Tai’ Chi’
11:00 p.m. Mary & Martha’s Bible Study
7:00 p.m. A.A. 12&12 Al-Anon

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Men’s Breakfast (Holiday Inn)

FRIDAY

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: Debra Robison; Dr. Bob Taylor; Dr. Ray Harris

Elder at the front of the sanctuary: Vivian Fleming

Greeting: Vivian Fleming

Ushers: Kathy and Presly Wallace

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.

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in appreciation of the entire First Presbyterian community by Park and Mer Dodge.

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 REMINDERS

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

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 FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatments: Aimee McDonald Burrow, Julie Seiler, Judy Armentrout, Leslie Geoghegan

Homebound: Chris Thompson, Ruth Ann Wilcox, Denise Williford

College Students: George Seiler, Henry Seiler, Ivy Wells

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.

Combined Sunday School classes will continue through July. We hope you will join us for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Preschool and Kindergarten children will meet in the Extended Session Room. Elementary children will meet upstairs in the elementary wing. Youth will meet in the basement. Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Adults are enjoying a study of the Lord’s Prayer.

The Congregational Care Committee sends gift cards (\$10) for McDonald’s and Starbucks to our college students to let them know that FPC cares about and remembers them. We send these right before the school year starts and again around Christmas. We hope that you will help us with this, as we have almost thirty college students this year. If you would like to help, you may buy the gift cards yourself or make a donation. You may leave these in the church office.

We still have a few spots left in our weekday preschool for the 2019-2020 school year. Anyone interested in more information can contact the church office. School will begin on August 19, and classes are available for 2-year-olds through kindergarten.

The Session

Clerk of the Session, Cindy Faucette

Class of 2020

Travis Abney
David Carlisle
Vivian Fleming
Julie Gibens
Toni Martin
Rud Robison
Chris Rogers

Class of 2021

Mark Burleson
Sally Kate Collins
Ann Godwin
Richard Hastings
Kristi Hillhouse
Glenn Thomas
Joel Zimmerman

Class of 2022

Steve Bryson
Anne Marie Littrell
Mary Pace
Drew Robertson
Buddy Stubbs
Virginia Toliver
David Williams

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride, Pastor

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

Melissa McDuffie, Interim Youth Director

Heather Crotwell, Children’s Church Director

Allison Neal Haynes, Communications Director

Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music

Dr. Ray Harris, Organist

Danielle Frerer Ratliff, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs

Nannette Comer, Church Librarian

Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian

Helen Reed Curtis, 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 10:00 -101

Weekly Budget \$16,901 Amount Received 6/16/19 \$4,921
YTD Budgeted Income \$439,497 YTD Income Received \$401,677



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