Morning Worship Service

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2020 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

God is not a deceiver that He should offer to support us, and then, when we lean upon Him, should slip away from us.—Augustine

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT *Sweet Hour of Prayer* William B. Bradbury

PRELUDE *Largo* George F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Romans 12:4-8)

Leader: Come sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers and aunts!

People: Come grandmas and grandpas, uncles and nephews, nieces and neighbors and friends!

Leader: Christ calls us together as parts of one Body, for worship and service and praise!

People: Let's worship God together!

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: While we may yearn to be like Jesus, we know that in our hotheaded choices, our frantic lives, our impetuous words, we are too often like Peter. But like him, we can confess Christ as our Lord, speaking of our need for your saving presence in our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place. In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks. (*Pause for reflection and self-examination*) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: It's not money, but our generosity with it. It is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves. It is not our efforts, but Christ's gift, which transforms us into God's children.

People: It is more than just how we think. In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transfigured and made new. 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 *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal* arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:1, 9-21 (NT) p. 161

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

SERMON **A Prescription for Living** Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 387 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*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 *God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven* 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

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, and so in faith and with assurance we give our money this morning. We hope in a generous God who meets our needs. We hope in a creative God who multiplies our gifts. We hope in a mysterious God who invites us to kingdom living. God of grace, accept these gifts and us in your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 335 *Though I May Speak*

*BENEDICTION

Leader: As the Savior so taught…go now and overcome. Overcome racial hatred with love and understanding. Overcome social inequities with fair and equal educational and employment opportunities. Overcome mean-heartedness with a kind word or good deed. Overcome war, poverty, hunger, and suffering throughout our urban streets and lands abroad, by sharing the love of Christ Jesus with your neighbor. Go now and overcome! (A benediction written for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

*POSTLUDE *Rondeau* Henry Purcell

*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
MONDAY		
	Church Office Closed	
	11:30 a.m.	Friends Lunch, Weezie's
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Partners
	2:30 p.m.	CASA, Gym
	4:30 p.m.	Mah Jongg
	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
	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
	2:30 p.m.	CASA, Gym
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. 12&12 Al-Anon
WEDNESDAY		
	8:30 a.m.	Preschool & Kindergarten
	2:30 p.m.	CASA, Gym
	5:05 p.m.	Tower Ringers
	7:05 p.m.	Chancel Choir
THURSDAY		
	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Holiday Inn)
	8:30 a.m.	Preschool & Kindergarten
	10:00 a.m.	Yoga, Library
	2:30 p.m.	CASA, Gym
FRIDAY		
	8:30 a.m.	Preschool & Kindergarten
	12:00 p.m.	A.A. 12&12 Group Meeting
	2:30 p.m.	CASA, Gym
	5:30 p.m.	Supper, Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	McMillan Conversations, Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY		
	5:30 p.m.	Supper, Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	McMillan Conversations, Fellowship Hall

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Are you looking for a church home? If so, please speak to our minister following worship.

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

Leading Worship Today: Rev. Dr. Olin W. McBride; Liturgist: 8:30—Lisa Nichols; 11:00—Mary Margaret Gratz; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Ushers: 8:30—Jason & Melissa McDuffie and family; 11:00—Joel & Suzy Zimmerman

Greeting: Sandy Henson

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Dottie Strain, Margaret Dean, and Reba Shelton.

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 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: Judy Armentrout, Aimee McDonald Burrow, Julie Seiler
Homebound: Freddie Chiles, Bert Hershfelt, Mary Evelyn Maxwell
College Students: Allie Randle, Andrew Ray, George Seiler
(Homebound and college students are listed each week on a rotation from our complete list.)

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
McMillan Conversations—January 24, 25, and 26. Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian, former Vice President for Seminary Advancement, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will present *"The Church Moving Forward: Leadership in Times of Change."* There will be a complimentary supper, and childcare will be provided.

The Safety and Security Committee needs team members to help keep watch over the flock at FPC. We are not asking for any experience or special gifts—we can use anyone. We need a team of 25-30 folks to be the eyes and ears around our facility, especially on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. We will have training sessions on "What to Do" in case of an emergency—it may be medical, weather related, or security related. If you would like to know more, please contact one of the committee members: Buddy Stubbs, Nattie Ellis, Bob Lence, Drew Robertson, Tom Billups or the church office. *Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.*—Acts 20:28

The Congregational Care Committee needs bud vases for our flower ministry. We have plenty of larger vases but are almost out of the smaller bud vases. If you have any that you could share, you may leave them in the office or the flower guild room.

Where in the world did your shoebox go? If you paid your Operation Christmas Child shoebox freight online, you may go to this website to find out your shoebox's destination: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/. From there, if you enter your email address, the name of the country to which your shoebox traveled pops up! There is also a link to learn more about that specific country. A map will be on display in the breezeway showing the journey of our First Presbyterian shoeboxes. Please contact Mary Stubbs at mary@busylad.com, or 662-231-5675, and let her know the country or countries where your shoebox landed. It will be interesting to discover the destinations of First Presbyterian's far-reaching generosity!

The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, January 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to 1) Receive reports from the various committees of FPC, 2) Receive the 2020 Church Operating Budget for information and hear a report on our 2019 financial condition, 3) Receive a report from the Officer Nominating Committee and act on their recommendations, 4) Review the Pastor's Compensation Package if needed, and 5) To transact any other business as is appropriate. The Officer Nominating Committee will present the following for the congregation's election: Elders to the Class of 2023: Kirk Biddle, Susan Boone, Amy Fagan, Mitzi Moore, Aubrey Patterson, Grayson Robbins, and Debra Robison. Also, at-large members of the 2020 Officer Nominating Committee who will be presented for election are: Jim Ingram, Mark Monts, Lucy Nash, Daintry Thomas, and Sarah Young (and two elders from session—Richard Hastings is one and he will chair this year's officer nominating committee).

The Session

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride, Moderator
Clerk of the Session, Cindy Faucette

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Travis Abney	Mark Burleson	Steve Bryson
David Carlisle	Sally Kate Collins	Anne Marie Littrell
Vivian Fleming	Ann Godwin	Mary Pace
Julie Gibens	Richard Hastings	Drew Robertson
Toni Martin	Kristi Hillhouse	Buddy Stubbs
Rud Robison	Glenn Thomas	Virginia Toliver
Chris Rogers	Joel Zimmerman	David Williams

First Presbyterian Church Staff
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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 8:30 a.m.—34 11:00 a.m.—156

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