

Morning Worship Service

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

We dare not get caught up in the argument of correct doctrine versus right actions. Christ cuts through that divisiveness that can paralyze and calls his people to recognize God's goodness and claims, and to respond...to be wise in understanding God's ways and committed in following his will.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

INTROIT

ENTRY INTO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

Leader: How does God speak?

Not with a voice like mere mortals,
yet God speaks in many ways.

In the bountiful creation around us:
"The midnight skies tell of God's glory,
the midday sun displays holy handiwork.

**People: Each new day speaks God's language,
and night after night knows more than it can tell."**

Leader: Yet it is the cross of Jesus where God speaks most profoundly:

"The talk of the cross sounds absurd
to those who think they are sophisticated,
but for us who are being saved, it is the power of God."

**People: Amen! Let the way we speak and the way we think
be acceptable in your sight
O God our strength and our redeemer.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, your power fills the universe with light and love.
Your tender hand caresses those who are suffering and wounded.
You welcome strangers and care for the lonely.
We are awed by the amazing extent of your compassion.
Meet us where we are.
Speak to us in ways that we understand.
Come to us, O God, in our time of worship.
Still our hearts and minds.
Renew our spirits and fill us with the life that only you can offer.
We pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray saying...

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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 386

O for a World

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We can no longer play dumb. We not only know the lives we are called to lead, we are well aware of how we fail - through our words as well as our silence, by our deeds and our unwillingness to act. Let us confess to the God who comes to us:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You call us home to live with you, Comfort of the lost, but we are too busy right now to listen. We flock to the stores run by temptation and seduction, seeking the best prices. We rush to judge everyone around us, but ask you to be more patient with our repeated errors. We feast at the table piled high with broken promises and drink from the cup of fading dreams.

Yet you continue to cry out to us, speaking to us of your love. Forgiveness is the gift for every moment, not just one day; hope is our constant companion as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who is your Messenger of mercy. (Pause for reflection and meditation) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between,

the good news speaks to us of God's tender mercy and love for us.

**People: God comes! Not to punish, but to gift us with peace;
not to judge, but to save us. 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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

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.

ANTHEM

Brother James' Air

arr. Brian Dean

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Whatever Happened to Respect?

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

(Based on Romans 12: 9-12; 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-17)

Let love be genuine. Hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with deep affection, thinking of others more highly than yourself. Serve the Lord with zeal. Rejoice in hope.

Be patient in suffering. Persevere in prayer.

And may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. **Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare

John Otterstat

*Congregation standing as able.

- Before the service, speak to God.
- During the service, let God speak to you.
- After the service, speak to one another.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary and streaming on [YouTube](#)

10:00 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary and streaming on [YouTube](#)

5:30 P.M. Youth

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

6:00 P.M. Session Meeting

7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih

7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

11:30 A.M. Junior Auxiliary of Tupelo Luncheon, Gym

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Holiday Inn

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

12:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in celebration of Sue Shepherd's life and her heavenly birthday today by Bryan, Natty, Gia, Chris and B. Ellis.

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. 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).

Both the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. services are live streamed and available for viewing on YouTube.com by those unable to be with us this morning. Search *firstprestupelo*. We also invite you to visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

Please remember to dedicate your offering this morning. The offering plates are located in the Narthex. Contributions may also be mailed to: FPC, P.O. Box 1725, Tupelo, MS 38802.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas! Start thinking about Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes today! There is a large bin just outside the Library for your donated supplies. Ideas include chalkboards, chalk, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, scissors, backpacks, small zippered bags, glue sticks, etc. ***NO liquids, lotions, or candy!*** For more information, contact Cindy Faucette at cfaucette@bellsouth.net or Jean Magee at jeanmagee@comcast.net.

UPDATE—The new date for our Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event is Wednesday, September 29. A delicious barbecue meal will be provided by Kyle Rogers and his award-winning BBQ team in the Gym at 5:30 P.M., and then we will begin the meal packing event. Don't miss this!

Mah-Jongg is postponed until further notice.

UPDATE—The Presbyterian Women Event scheduled for Sunday, August 29 has been cancelled due to the increase in Covid-19 numbers. We hope to reschedule it when case numbers go down.

Interested in a 10-day Switzerland and Germany tour, including the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau? We have 4 spots remaining for this trip, which will be June 1-10, 2022. The deadline is TODAY for deposits. Contact Olin for more information: olinmcbride@firstprestupelo.org.

The Friends' Lunch gatherings are postponed until further notice.

Cancer Treatments: Aimee McDonald Burrow, Julie Seiler, Mike Thomas

Homebound: Carolyn Gaston, Hugh Luckett, Faye Moreland

College Students: Retta Maxwell, Cooper Moore, Jon Timothy Posey

The Session

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride, Moderator
Clerk of the Session, Lisa Nichols

Class of 2022

Steve Bryson
Anne Marie Littrell
Pete McMurry
Mary Pace
Buddy Stubbs
Virginia Tolivar
David Williams

Class of 2023

Kirk Biddle
Susan Boone
Amy Fagan
Mitzi Moore
Aubrey Patterson, Jr.
Grayson Robbins
Debra Robison

Class of 2024

Kim Burleson
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Leslie Geoghegan
Michael Gratz, Jr.
Chauncey Godwin
Alice Rogers
Mike Thomas

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

September 1

Jimmy Hardin & Archaeology Update

September 8

The one & only Jim Curtis

September 15

The one & only Olin McBride

September 22

The one & only Olin McBride

September 29

Rise Against Hunger

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS

**FAITHBUILDERS AT FPC RESUMES
6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1!**

Ages 2 through Kindergarten
Cherub Choir and Activities

Teachers for music and activities are Leslie Geoghegan, Beth Anne Ellzey, and Kathy Wallace.

Grades 1-5
Faithbuilders

Music teachers are Danielle Ratliff and Brittany Rogers.
Activities teachers are Heather Crowell and Corey Littrell.



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