

First Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship Service

Reformation Sunday



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9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

The purpose of this sermon will be to help the congregation see in the story of Zacchaeus their own story of redemption.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Praise Him!

Kevin McChesney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have gathered today in search of reformation.

People: We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.

Leader: We stand fearless at the edge of change.

People: For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.

Leader: Be still, and know that God is God.

People: God is our Rock and our Redeemer. Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Dear Lord, You are our only hope. Teach us to put our trust in You. God, You are our help. Teach us the path of righteousness and turn us from the ways of the wicked, for we know that You love those who do justice. We will forever praise You for the glory of Your righteous reign, now and forever in the name of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, who showed us how to live and taught us this prayer, praying...

Unison: 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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Even at our most faithful, we stand in need of grace. Because of God's unfailing love, mercy is promised, even before we speak the truth. In humility, with confidence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come to You, O Christ, confessing to You the fears that twist our lives and keep us from the inner calm and peace that comes from You: The fear of ourselves, that we cannot do what is expected of us; The fear of being found out for our littleness and pride in ourselves; The fear of being left out when joy and richness come to others; The fear of not being ready when opportunities present themselves for service; The fear of death, that when it comes our time to die, we shall not have done the things we would have done, because we were afraid to venture out.

We find ourselves shrinking back before the unknown, wanting assurance where we must have faith; We find ourselves hesitating to follow You, O Christ, afraid the cost may be too great, and life may pass us by. Give us the strength and peace that only You can give. Amen.
*(Rachel Henderlite (1905-1991) Written for a service of worship at Montreat, North Carolina, July 20, 1954.) *See biography below.*

Leader: Hear now, O Lord, our personal prayers of confession in this time of silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow. For the Lord has promised to forgive all and to surround with steadfast love everyone who trusts in God. In Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven. 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 arr. Jane McFadden

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 19:1-10](#)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

A Zacchaeus Moment

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

*UNISON PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession, Chapter 1**

God

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence for

such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION NO. 370

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

What an honor and privilege it is to come before God and offer to Him our various gifts and offerings. As we do so, let us give with a generous and cheerful heart.

OFFERTORY

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*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.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (from the Scottish Celtic Tradition)

God, kindle within our hearts today a flame of love for our neighbors, for our foes, for our friends, for our people, for the brave, for the cowardly, for the thoughtless ones. O Son of the loveliest Mary, in all that we love, may we serve you from the lowliest thing that lives to the name that is highest of all. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty

Johann Walther

*Congregation standing as able.

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, please turn off or silence cell phones and personal communication devices.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers. You may also view the bulletin by visiting our website at www.firstprestupelo.org. See the "Bulletin" link at the top of the homepage.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Tot and Gaines Moore, Gertrude and Vernon Schroeder, and Maude Waters.

***Rachel Henderlite (1905-1985)** was the first woman to be ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the first woman faculty member at Austin Theological Seminary. Scholar and teacher in the field of Christian education, she was a moving spirit within the Consultation on Church Union. She was also a spokesperson for the life of the mind and for justice in the world.

****The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in the history of the Scottish nation.** The Scottish Parliament, having declared Scotland a Protestant nation, asked the clergy to frame a confession of faith. Six ministers, including John Knox, completed their work in four days. In 1560, the document was ratified by Parliament as “doctrine grounded upon the infallible Word of God.” The Scots Confession sets forth three marks of the true and faithful church: “the true preaching of the word of God,” “the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus,” and “ecclesiastical discipline...whereby vice is repressed and virtue nourished.” “Cleave, serve, worship, trust” are key words in this document.

Nursery care is available for newborns through four-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time.

After the 11:00 Children’s Sermon, preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to attend **"Wee Kirk."** This is a time of fun childcare with age appropriate songs and games. 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.

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.

The service is 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.

Leading the worship service today: Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Crucifer: 9:00-Joey McDuffie 11:00-Mary Crotwell

Liturgist: 9:00-Virginia Toliver 11:00-Andy Crotwell

Greeters: 9:00-Lori & Bill Dickerson

11:00- Breanna & Scott Horton, Debra & Rud Robison

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

It’s Operation Christmas Child! Please stop by the table outside the library and pick up your boxes; fill and return by November 6. If you need ideas or have questions, please contact

Lee Herman (662) 397-1221 or Aubre Wells (662) 231-4199. If you would like to contribute but cannot fill a box, please make a donation and the youth will gladly fill one for you.

Be sure to join church friends and our visitors for supper and fellowship at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 2. The menu: Chicken Tenders and Waffles, Ham and Cheese Casserole, Bacon, Hash Brown Potato Casserole, Sautéed Vegetables, Hot Fruit Compote, Rolls and Muffins, Fresh Fruit, Salad Bar, Cinnamon Swirl Cake, Pound Cake, Presly's Chocolate Bread Pudding, Texas Sheet Cake, Lemon Ice Box Cake, Cookies, and Ice Cream. Sign up by Noon on Wednesday by using the link in Friday's newsletter, calling the church office at 662-842-5681, or emailing frontdesk@firstprestupelo.org. Wednesday night programs for adults, children and youth begin at 6:00 P.M. Adults can join us this week for Trivia Night! All programs conclude at 7:00 P.M.

Following Wednesday night supper, we will have our All Saints' service in the Sanctuary at 6:15 P.M. This is a special service to remember, honor, and give thanks to members of our community of faith who have died in the past year. We will also have a special remembrance of the saints during worship on Sunday, November 6.

Special thanks to Richard Hastings and his setup crew who helped arrange our outdoor worship setting on October 23 with all accommodations and seating, creating a beautiful and reverent worship experience to remember. Thank you to all who helped take down the setting as well.

Save the Date! First Presbyterian Church's Annual Congregational Thanksgiving Luncheon is Sunday, November 20, following the 11:00 A.M. service. More details to come!

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatments: Sam Pace, Julie Seiler

Homebound: Bobbye Carsten, Carolyn Gaston, Betty Nash

College Students: Olivia Hastings, John Michael Herman, Carli Hillhouse

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$16,837

Amount Received 10/23/22: \$6,508

YTD Budgeted Income: \$765,662

YTD Income Received: \$781,289

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 9:00 A.M.: 49 11:00 A.M.: 107

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 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. Journey Sunday school class fall gathering, Mugshots
Youth

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 2:30 P.M. CASA
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
11:00 A.M. Bible Study, Sistahood Room, Luke 20:27-38
2:30 P.M. CASA
7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 2:30 P.M. CASA
3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg, Stewart Clayton Room
5:05 P.M. Tower Ringers
5:30 P.M. Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:15 P.M. All Saints' Service, Sanctuary
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn
2:30 P.M. CASA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 12:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting
2:30 P.M. CASA

THE SESSION

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Moderator
Clerk of the Session, Lisa Nichols

Class of 2023

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

Class of 2024

Kim Burleson
Cindy Faucette
Leslie Geoghegan
Michael Gratz Jr.
Chauncey Godwin
Charles Reece
Alice Rogers

Class of 2025

Richard Hastings
Trey Leeke
Lucy Nash
Chris Rogers
Mary Stubbs
Glenn Thomas
Presly Wallace

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Interim Pastor

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

Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education

Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music

Dr. Ray Harris, Organist

Seth Shelnut, Audio/Visual Technician

Danielle Frerer Ratliff, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs

Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian

Helen Curtis, Church Secretary

Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary

Debbie Merritt, Receptionist

Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent

Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus



A New Beginning for Génesis



In the mountains of Ecuador, 8-year-old Génesis was invited to an Operation Christmas Child outreach event by her cousin. There she heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ clearly presented and was surprised with her first gift ever—a shoebox filled with a stuffed animal, doll, and her favorite toys. Even "the box itself made me very happy," said Génesis.

At the event, she also accepted Jesus Christ into her heart! "I have a new friend," said Génesis. "I am happy for the opportunity I had to come here. I have learned about God and received a shoebox. He is my Savior."

Génesis went home and told her mother, who was sick with COVID-19, about Jesus. As a result, both of her parents came to faith in Christ! The family was also grateful to God for her mother's full recovery.

Génesis went on to participate in The Greatest Journey, the follow-up discipleship program designed especially for shoebox recipients, where she learned more about following Christ and sharing Him with others.

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SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes

TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes

ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans



"Through your prayers

and generosity, we're sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth! Be sure to make your shoebox gift unique and include a letter and photo—those personal touches can mean so much to a child."

—Franklin Graham,
President, Samaritan's Purse



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