

Morning Worship Service

Twenty - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Jesus' friends and neighbors are astonished at his teaching. They wonder about the source of his wisdom, and his authority to perform mighty works. He is only a carpenter's son. They can't accept him. Jesus replies to their rejection in words now familiar to all: "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." We too downgrade the gifts of those nearest us, and no marvels of grace can be performed in our midst.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

A TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP Afton Gable

PRELUDE arr. George Christ *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 126
Leader: Our mouths are filled with laughter; with tongues we shout for joy!
People: You have done great things for us, O God; we come before you with Gladness and Rejoicing.
All: Let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 304 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION From Scott Peck
God of abounding Grace, we confess that our hearts have tightly grasped our opinions and views at the expense of our neighbors. We acknowledge that spiritual growth within another person and ourselves can only take place when there is a constancy and a steadfast covenant of love. That is how you love us. Help us to understand that we cannot resolve, in any healthy way, the differences between others and ourselves without the security of knowledge that the very act of struggling over these issues will not in itself destroy the relationship. Teach us to let go of our fears and embrace the life of hope and trust you offer to us as a gift. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (Silent Prayers) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!
God is for us, not against us.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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 arr. Brenda Austin *Just As I Am*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 98 (OT) pg. 551
Ephesians 1: 15-19 (NT) pg. 192
Mark 6: 1-6 (NT) pg. 40

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

SERMON Eyes of the Heart Rev. Sam Marshall

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 304 *Jesus Loves Me*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed”
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the 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 arose 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 *Be Thou With Me* J.S. Bach

*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
God of steadfast love and faithfulness, who made a covenant with the house of David, we bring our gifts so that your covenant with him may be extended throughout the world. We offer ourselves here as temples of your chosen one, David’s royal son, Jesus Christ. Alive in the Spirit and empowered by service, we go forth in his name to proclaim your love as a sanctuary for those who are in need. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 554 *Let All Things Now Living*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Rondeau* Henry Purcell

*Congregation standing as able.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY
8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Morning 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
5:00 P.M. Mah Jongg/Rec Room
5:30 P.M. Session Room
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
6:00 P.M. PW Paint Party@ Wet Ceramics
7:00 P.M. A.A. 12 & 12. Alanon

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. OCC Presentation
7:05 P.M. Choir

THURSDAY
7:30 A.M. Men’s Breakfast (Holiday Inn)
8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten

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.

Leading Worship Today: Re. Sam Marshall; Liturgist 8:30 Lori Dickerson, 11:00 Helen Monts; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris
Ushers: 8:30 Jason & Melissa McDuffie 11:00 Clarence & Sue Shepherd, Jim Ingram, George White
Elder at the front of the sanctuary: 8:30 Lori Dickerson 11:00 Richard Hastings
Greeting: Bill & Lucy Hilburn

Sam Marshall most recently served Salem Presbytery in central North Carolina as Executive Presbyter for eleven years prior to his being granted the status of Honorably Retired in December of 2017. He also served as Interim Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina; Interim Pastor at Fondren Presbyterian in Jackson, MS; Interim Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Memphis (now “Mid-South”); Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Oxford; Pastor of The Sumner Presbyterian Church; and staff chaplain at the University of Louisville General Hospital. Originally from Tupelo, Sam grew up in communities as diverse as Buffalo, N.Y. and Montgomery, AL and graduated from Arlington High School in Texas. Following graduation from Rhodes College, he married Cecilia Miller, also a Rhodes graduate. He graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and began his service to the PCUSA in 1975.

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Ernest and Frances Joyner by Dan and Frances Joyner Brasfield.

Nursery Care is available for newborns through 4- years-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 "**Children's Church**" 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).

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.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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

Homebound: Mary Evelyn Maxwell Loden, Virginia Mills, Flo Shultz

College Students: Caroline Burleson, Jackson Caldwell, Mamie Clark

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY SUPPER October 17 at 5:30 p.m. Chicken and Dressing with gravy, Fried Chicken Tenders, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cranberry Salad, Sweet Potato Fries, Homemade Rolls, Full Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Pumpkin Cake, Chocolate Sheet Cake, Blackberry Cobbler, Chocolate Chunk Cookies, 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.**

Cookies Needed- We are feeding the Tupelo Golden Wave football team on Friday, October 19. Dessert is cookies. Please bake any kind and have at the church on Thursday, October 18. Questions: call Ann Godwin 842-3505.

Trunk or Treat October 31, 2018 - Volunteers needed for 15 trunks, popcorn team and witch's brew station. Candy/Treat bins are by the kitchen and library, please help me fill them up. Contact Lucy Nash 687-1940 or LPNASH@aol.com

It's Operation Christmas Child time again! Please stop by our table in the breezeway on Sunday's or outside the kitchen on Wednesday nights to pick up your boxes. Fill them and return them by Sunday, November 4. If you need ideas or have questions,

please call Mitzi Moore (401-7844) or Mary Stubbs (231-5675). If you would like to be a part of this wonderful project but cannot fill a box, there is still a place for you. You may make a monetary donation so that the youth can do your shopping and gladly fill a box for you! Please add this project to your prayer list and help us make a difference in the lives of these children.

The 17th Annual Celebration Village Bakery needs your help! Celebration Village is October 24-27 in Building V of the Tupelo Furniture Market on Coley Road. All proceeds from the bakery benefit Sanctuary Hospice House. The bakery will gratefully accept any of the following items: Iced Layer Cakes, Bundt Cakes, Breads, Cookies, Cupcakes, Fudge, Brownies, Muffins, Cheese Straws, Chex Mix, Jellies, Preserves and Jams, Frozen Casseroles and Soups. All items can be dropped off at the Furniture Market, Building V on Wednesday, October 24 from 9-3, Thursday, October 25 from 9-10 and Friday, October 26 from 9-10. For more information contact: Cindy Faucette at 231-6827 or Judy Thomas at 790-4523.

The Session

Clerk of the Session, Cindy Faucette

Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Doyce Deas	David Carlisle	Mark Burleson
Lori Dickerson	Vivian Fleming	Sally Kate Collins
Rick Jones	Julie Gibens	Ann Godwin
Jimmy Milam	Toni Martin	Richard Hastings
Lucy Nash	Rud Robison	Glenn Thomas
Judy Thomas	Chris Rogers	Joel Zimmerman
Mike Thomas		
Rochelle Wallace		

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride, Interim Pastor

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Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:

Worship 8:30 - 21 11:00 - 138

Weekly Budget \$15,418

Offering Amount Received 10-7-18 \$ 15,828

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 746,888

YTD Income Received \$ 668,888



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