

Morning Worship Service

Twenty - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

To serve other people is a high calling. It requires sensitivity, sympathy, and self-sacrifice. Sensitivity is the ability to feel and to hear another's needs. Sympathy describes willingness to share the burden. Self-sacrifice is the extent to which one will go to alleviate the need. All three are important and require discipline. That is why Jesus makes such a point of calling the disciples to serve others.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

Commissioning of Cuba Mission Team

Leader: In accepting the charge to be a member of this Cuba Mission Team, have you been persuaded by the love of God and a sincere desire to promote God's glory in the gospel for Jesus Christ?

Team members: I have been so persuaded.

Leader: Do you accept this task, pledging your faithfulness in service and opening your heart for the enrichment which others may share with you?

Team members: I do so pledge.

Leader: Do you commit yourself as a partner in obedience to the Christ of the one church and with other Christians, confident that we are all sisters and brothers of the One Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

Team members: I do so commit myself.

Leader: In humble reliance upon divine grace, do you promise to be faithful and diligent in all you do, to be an example of Christian love, and to serve in hearty cooperation with your colleagues in mission and ministry?

Team members: I do so promise relying on God's grace.

Leader: Members of this church, will you open your hearts to the ministry of this team and pray for them as servants of Christ?

Congregation: Yes, we will with God's help.

A TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP

Richard Hastings

PRELUDE

Promised Land

Lani Smith

INTROIT

I Like to Sing About Jesus

*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. 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CALL TO CONFESSION

O God, who sent Christ to make intercession, have mercy on us as we confess our sin. He was oppressed; we afflict others. He was judged; we declare others unworthy. He was stricken; we cause others pain. He was put to death; we likewise destroy the innocent. Numbered with sinners, he bore our transgressions. Through Christ make us righteous, so that in him we can obey you. (Silent Confession) Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Come to the Water

John B. Foley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 38: 1-7

(OT) pg.484

Hebrews 5: 1-10

(NT) pg. 220

Mark 10: 35-45

(NT) pg. 47

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Community Bound

Rev. Dr. Ann Laird Jones

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 420 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching the good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

Aria Da Chiesa

Georg Muffa

*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

We draw near your throne of grace, O God, renewed by your mercy and enlivened by your power. You have given us the gift of a Savior so that in you “we live and move and have our being.” Your Spirit resides with us as a source of encouragement and strength. Accept what we bring now as signs of our faithfulness and bless what we do hereafter as we express our commitment. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 438 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

A Festal Fanfare

J. S. Bach

*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

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

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.

John Armistead

7:05 P.M.

Chancel 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: Rev. Dr. Ann Laird Jones; Liturgist 8:30 Lori

Dickerson, 11:00 Helen Monts; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Jerri Lamar Kantack

Ushers: 8:30 Jason & Melissa McDuffie 11:00 Leighton & Julie Gibens, Jim

Ingram, George White

Elder at the front of the sanctuary: 8:30 Lucy Nash 11:00 Toni Martin

Greeting: Bill & Lucy Hilbun

Rev. Dr. Ann Laird Jones has just completed 25 years as the arts ministry director at Montreat, and 35 years as an ordained PCUSA minister. She has served churches in Mississippi, Florida, North Carolina and Louisiana. She is in her 18th year as a member at St. Andrew Presbytery. She and her husband Mike Caulfield live in Greenville, MS, and are the parents of two grown children, Sally and Doug.

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Lucy Jeanelle Wells and Billy Jenkins Jordan by Jack, Aubre, Ivy, Lucy, Jenkins, and Witt Wells.

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: Grace Stamps, Chris Thompson, Ruth Ann Wilcox

College Students: Drake Cobb, Emma Counce, Gus Depew, Lexye Devita

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 24 at 5:30 p.m. Justin's Chicken and Pasta Alfredo, Fried Chicken Tenders, Green Beans, Tater Tots, Corn on the Cob, Congealed Salad, Full Salad Bar, Homemade Rolls, Pork Tenderloin Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Pound Cake with Caramel Sauce, Chocolate Layered Dessert, Peach Cobbler, Chocolate Chunk Cookies, and 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.**

Friends Luncheon will meet Monday, October 22 at 11:30 a.m. at Weezies.

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 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!

Greeters are needed for December 9, 16, 23 & 30. If you would be able to serve as a greeter, please contact Margaret Anne Murphey 842-5213.

FPC is moving to one service at 11:00 a.m. beginning November 4 (when Olin McBride returns from medical leave) until January 6. Sunday School time will not change.

Please be in prayer for those going to Cuba October 23-31. Robin Faucette, George & Wanda Dent, Glenn Thomas, Lisa Nichols, Mike Windham, Josefina Rayburn, Jean Magee.

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

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

Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music

Dr. Ray Harris, Organist

Melissa McDuffie, Interim Youth Director

Heather Crotwell, Children's Church Director

Allison Neal, Communications Director

Danielle Frerer Ratliff, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs

Nannette Comer, Church Librarian

Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian

Teresa Nichols, 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 - 33 11:00 - 151

Weekly Budget \$15,418

Offering Amount Received 10-14-18 \$15,956

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 747,717

YTD Income Received \$684,843



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