

Morning Worship Service
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 28, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Those truly touched by God are those who are also touched by the cry of human need. Sensitivity to people in need and service to humankind are also service to God. Faith without works is suspect. Our challenge is always to put our faith into action in concrete ways.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

A TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP

Lori Robertson

PRELUDE (8:30)
(11:00)

Brother James' Air
Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major, Prelude

Dale Wood
J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,

People: but Christ who chose us.

Leader: That we are not here because of our goodness

People: but because of Christ's grace.

Leader: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

People: but to allow Christ to enlighten us.

Leader: That we have not come to be entertained

People: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope. (Silent Prayers) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. You are forgiven; you are made new.

People: We will complete God's joy by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, with everyone we meet. 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 4: 1-7

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Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Gift That Keeps on Taking

Dr. Jacob Myers

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

***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

ELDERS AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS DEDICATE THEIR PLEDGES

OFFERTORY

Morning Has Broken

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

Lord, in love you bid that prisoners be released, to seek and find a fresh start. In love we release these gifts for you to use in the continuation of that great work, that the world might be convinced of your care. Enfold us also in the quest. By these tokens given here, we pledge our whole heart and mind and spirit to the furtherance of your kingdom, and we ask you to bless our labors as you bless these gifts. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 525

Here I Am, Lord

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Bishops' Promenade

Norman-Coke Jephcott

*Congregation standing as able.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

9:45 A.M.

5:30 P.M.

Morning Worship Service
Sunday School
Youth Costume Party @ the Hastings

MONDAY

8:30 A.M.

2:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

Preschool & Kindergarten
Prayer Partners
Mah Jongg/Rec Room
Boy Scouts

TUESDAY

8:30 A.M.

9:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

7:00 P.M.

Preschool & Kindergarten
T'ai Chi Chih
Staff Meeting
Mary & Martha's Bible Study
A.A. 12 & 12. Alanon

WEDNESDAY

8:30 A.M.

5:30 P.M.

7:05 P.M.

Preschool & Kindergarten
Trunk or Treat
Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

7:30 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

Men's Breakfast (Holiday Inn)
Preschool & Kindergarten

FRIDAY

8:30 A.M.

12:00 Noon

Preschool & Kindergarten
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: Dr. Jacob D. Myers; Liturgist Rev. Dr. Olin McBride;

Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Ushers: 8:30 Jason & Melissa McDuffie 11:00 Mark & Kim Burleson, Jim Ingram, George White

Elder at the front of the sanctuary: 8:30 Lucy Nash 11:00 Mark Burleson

Greeting: Bill & Lucy Hilbun

We welcome Dr. Jacob D. Myers to our church this morning. Dr. Myers is Assistant Professor of Homiletics (the art of preaching or writing sermons) at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. Education: PhD, Emory University, MDiv, Princeton Theological Seminary, BA, Gardner Webb University. Publications: *Curating Church: Forging Connections and Fostering Transformation in Polarizing Times; Preaching Must Die! Troubling Homiletical Theology;* “Writing Spiritually,” “Reading Critically”, “How to Give a (Postmodern) Sermon.”

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of the First Presbyterian Water Mission Teams by Clarence and Sue Shepherd.

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 "**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).

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, Becky Franklin

Homebound: Bernice Baker, John & Betty Castles, Mary Evelyn Maxwell Loden

College Students: Tucker Erickson, Gatlin Farrar, Ben Gibens, Patrick Hastings

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

Trunk or Treat Join the fun from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 31 with several other area churches and the Downtown Association. The event is along Jefferson Street in front of the sanctuary.

Helping Hands -Join our team to assist at Helping Hands Food Pantry on Saturday, November 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The team will help stock shelves and bag groceries for neighbors in need. We do this every 4 weeks. Helping Hands Food Pantry is located at 314 S. Church Street, Tupelo, MS and is an extension of First United Methodist Church of Tupelo. Children welcome. More info: rickjones2525@gmail.com or [662-213-1520](tel:662-213-1520).

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 are 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.

The Session

Clerk of the Session, Cindy Faucette

Class of 2019
Doyce Deas
Lori Dickerson
Rick Jones
Jimmy Milam
Lucy Nash
Judy Thomas
Mike Thomas
Rochelle Wallace

Class of 2020
David Carlisle
Vivian Fleming
Julie Gibens
Toni Martin
Rud Robison
Chris Rogers

Class of 2021
Mark Burleson
Sally Kate Collins
Ann Godwin
Richard Hastings
Glenn Thomas
Joel Zimmerman

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 - 27 11:00 - 148

Weekly Budget \$15,418

Offering Amount Received 10-21-18 \$ 8,512

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 747,717

YTD Income Received \$ 694,184



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