

Morning Worship Service

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

One of the most important questions we can ask is “Who are we as the church?” Questions of identity are important. Clear, perceptive answers form images inside our head as to who we are. These images regulate our thoughts, feelings, and conduct as to being God’s called in the world.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE *Voluntary on “Old Hundredth”* Henry Purcell

INTROIT *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,

People: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

People: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

Leader: We have come to worship God, all gracious God.

People: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All Glory to God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 142 *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. And we are quick to use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. (Silent prayers) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. Believe and accept God’s love and live in God’s freedom.

People: We believe! Thanks be to God!

*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 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 20: 17 (OT) pg. 66

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **I Want What You Have** Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 467 *How Great Thou Art*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Q. 115. Why, then, does God have the ten commandments preached so strictly since no one can keep them in this life?

A. First, that all our life long we may become increasingly aware of our sinfulness, and therefore more eagerly seek forgiveness of sins and righteousness in Christ. Second, that we may constantly and diligently pray to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, so that more and more we may be renewed in the image of God, until we attain the goal of full perfection in this life.

From the Heidelberg Catechism

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 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Jack Jones

*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

O God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we bring these our gifts to you. We thank you for your graciousness in our lives. Help us to be good stewards of your gifts. Help us to use our money in ways that glorify your name. Help us to prioritize our time in ways that bring honor to your name. Help us to use our abilities in ways that point others to your saving love. Help us to be good stewards of your gifts. For Jesus’ sake we pray these things. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN No. 423 *Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Toccata in F Major* Deeterich Buxtehude

*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.

2:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M.

5:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY

8:30 A.M.

9:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

8:30 A.M.

THURSDAY

7:30 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

FRIDAY

8:30 A.M.

12:00 Noon

Preschool & Kindergarten

Prayer Partners

Mah Jongg/Rec Room

Session Meeting

Boy Scouts

Preschool & Kindergarten

T’ai Chi Chih

Staff Meeting

Mary & Martha’s Bible Study

A.A. 12 & 12. Alanon

Preschool & Kindergarten

Men’s Breakfast (Holiday Inn)

Preschool & Kindergarten

Fiber Arts & Crafts

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: Rev. Dr. Olin McBride; Liturgist, 8:30 Rick Jones, 11:00 Richard Hastings; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Ushers: 8:30 Bill & Lori Dickerson, 11:00 Bryan & Amy Fagan, Jim Ingram, George White

Elder at the front of the sanctuary: 8:30 Lucy Nash 11:00 Ann Godwin

Greeting: Mike & Betty Black

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Ray and Annette Thornton in memory of their parents and Cliff Gookin.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Claire Herndon, August 14.

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 always welcome in worship! If you to 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

Homebound: Hugh Purnell, Flo Shultz, Grace Stamps

College Students: Allie Randle, Andrew Ray, Kirk Reeder

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

Today- 2018 Mission Café for a Taste of New Orleans with Chef Justin Carlisle. We will serve green salad, chicken and sausage gumbo with rice, muffaletta pinwheels, and zydeco chicken. Dessert: Bananas Foster Bread Pudding. Children's menu: peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with chips. All donations support the Cuba water mission and the Guatemala water and medical missions. We ask that you pay what you normally pay for Sunday lunch out with your family. Take- out is offered.

Our FPC Preschool and Kindergarten begin a new school year this Monday, August 20. Please keep our teachers, director and children in your prayers. Also, remember that children are present, and slow down as you drive slowly through the parking lot; as there are speed bumps to remind you.

Adult & Youth Sunday School Rooms have undergone a transformation, thanks to FPC's talented interior decorators!

WE NEED YOU! Plan to attend "The Kickoff" on September 5 beginning with supper at 5:30 p.m. Wear your team colors! Wednesday nights at FPC offer an opportunity for us to share a meal together while spending time in fellowship, but it is just not the same without you! Consider this a "team" meeting! The Christian Education Committee has worked very hard to plan an interesting slate of programming for the adults while the children participate in another year of Faithbuilders, a program that has proven to be an effective tool for teaching the children about God and His love for us through storytelling, crafts and music. We hope that you will participate in this time of fellowship this fall.

We hope you will come experience The Journey, a new Sunday School class for those who like to gather and fellowship over a cup of coffee with a short devotion. No prep required. No need to purchase a book. Olin McBride will offer a short devotion during the Sunday School hour, and the rest of the time will be spent in light hearted conversation. Check it out! It will start on August 19 at 9:45 a.m.

Olin's "**Walk Through the Bible**" study will begin Sunday, September 23. We will offer two classes: Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and Monday at 10:00 a.m. We need at least 10 people in each class to make this study possible. Please call the church office to have your name placed on the list with the day of your choice.

Church Directory- If you have any changes for the Church Directory, (address, phone, cell phone, email, etc.) please contact the church office. Deadline is September 21.

September Tower information needs to be turned in to the church office by Wednesday, August 22.

Fall recruitment for Cub Scout Pack 3 has begun and will continue through September 30. Cub master Michael Gratz needs additional leaders and committee members to help support a growing pack. If you would like to help, please contact district executive, Taylor Neal @ (662) 871-9534 or taylor.neal@scouting.org.

Boy Scout recruitment for ages 11-17 is open, Troop 3 meets at 7:00 p.m. every Monday night in the FPC scout hut. Those interested are invited at that time. Contact: Scoutmaster Bob Lence (840-2362)

Boys ages 15-20 who are interested in a new high adventure "Venturing Crew" should contact: Taylor Neal

An open house will be held August 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Animal Care Center of Tupelo (5162 Cliff Gookin) for an "*Explorer Post*" (ages 15-20) for those interested in veterinary medicine.

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

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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 - 36 11:00 179

Weekly Budget \$15,418

Offering Amount Received 8-12-18 \$ 5,801

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 597,510

YTD Income Received \$ 543,364



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