

Morning Worship Service

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

The decisions I make today provide the foundation for the decisions I will make tomorrow.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* David Johnson

INTROIT *It Is Well With My Soul* Bob Krogstad

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will walk this day with you, O God, and you will walk with us,
People: gathering us into a community to pray for one another in all things.

Leader: We will walk this day with you, O Christ, and you will walk with us,
People: calling us to follow you, helping us to set aside all which holds us back.

Leader: We will walk with you this day, O Spirit, and you will walk with us,
People: sending us out, side by side, to serve those cast aside by the world.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 288 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Creator, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent prayers) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is this: God loves the world so much as to make it a fit place to live; God loves us so much as to reshape us into people of faith.

People: Like a cup of cold water, forgiveness revives us, restores us, gives us new life. Thanks be to God, 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 (8:30) *Simple Gifts* arr. Mark Hayes
(11:00) *I Will Arise and God to Jesus* arr. Donald Moore

SCRIPTURE LESSON I King 18 & 19 (selected verses) (OT) pg. 324

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

SERMON **Discouragement** Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

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

*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 (8:30) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Paul Manz
(11:00) *Simple Gifts* arr. Mark Hayes

*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

Almighty God, because you are the Creator of all, and without you we would have nothing, we give you now but your own- that which is already yours. Along with these material things, we also give you ourselves and pray that you will use us as you will, that we may be tools in your hands. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN No.441 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Prelude in C Major* 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
5:30 P.M. PW Fall Kick-off Supper FH

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

THURSDAY

7:30 A.M. Men’s Breakfast (Holiday Inn)
8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten
10:00 A.M. Fiber Arts & Crafts

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. 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 Vivian Fleming
Greeting: Mike & Betty Black

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents, Teresa and Kirk Biddle, by their children David, Warren and Margaret.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Mary Elizabeth Williams on the death of her husband, Fayette Williams, August 18.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Lucy Nash on the death of her father, Hugh Purnell, August 21.

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: Chris Thompson, Ruth Ann Wilcox, Bernice Baker

College Students: Larkin Robbins, George Seiler, Caroline Burleson

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

Thanks for much for all the work that everyone put into the Mission Cafe. Because of this work and the support of church members and friends, the Mission Cafe was a great success. Special thanks to Justin Carlisle for the magnificent meal and to Presly Wallace for cooking the Boston butts.

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 again participate in Faithbuilders, a program that teaches 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.

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.

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.

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

Melissa McDuffie, Interim Youth Director

Heather Crotwell, Children’s Church Director

Allison Neal, Communications Director

Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music

Dr. Ray Harris, Organist

Danielle Frerer, 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 - 44 11:00 157

Weekly Budget \$15,418

Offering Amount Received 8-19-18 \$ 13,249

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 597,510

YTD Income Received \$ 556,613



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