

# Morning Worship Service

## Twenty -Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

*Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They answer, "John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets." Jesus then reveals to them the cost of discipleship. To follow him will involve self-denial, sacrifice and obedience. Such is the way of the cross!*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Psalm 19* Benedetto Marcello

INTROIT *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. Stan Pethel

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Called to be God's people, we gather in joy-filled celebration of our creating God.

**People:** We celebrate the Godly miracles of creation we experience every day and night.

Leader: Called to be a people of faith, we gather to praise our Eternal and Loving God.

**People:** Faithful God, we gather to give our thanks that your promises are totally reliable.

Leader: Called to be a people of hope and trust, we gather to give thanks for God's care and compassion toward people who are vulnerable to life's fears and stresses.

**People:** Justice-loving God, we give thanks that your love and mercy are the source and power behind God's commitments to the created world and toward all humanity; and especially toward vulnerable, dispossessed and isolated people in our midst. May we be at worship.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 451 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of Glory, you bless the poor in spirit with the richness of your eternal favor. You choose the meek to inherit the earth. You comfort those who mourn, the hungry and thirsty you satisfy. The pure in heart catch sight of your splendor, and those who make peace you call your own. We join with the merciful, who throughout the ages have lived by your graciousness and worshipped your name. (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 *Thou Art God* Lionel Bourne

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 116: 1-9 (OT) pg. 564  
Mark 8: 27-38 (NT) pg. 43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON **For Christ's Sake** Rev. Allison Wehrung

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 419 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, 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

OFFERTORY *O God, Thou Faithful God* Max Reger

\*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, in Jesus you call us to follow; we come confessing that He is the Christ. We offer ourselves to be filled with his commandments. We dedicate our actions to match his desires. We commit our intentions to be led by his Spirit. With all that we have we seek to be faithful. Accept our endeavors and bless our ambitions. Honor our commitment, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 343 *Called to Partners in Christ's Service*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *God of Grace* Paul Manz

\*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 Meeting  
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. Guatemala Presentation  
7:05 P.M. Choir

#### 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:** Allison Wehrung; Liturgist 8:30 Melissa McDuffie, 11:00 Melanie Deas; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

**Ushers:** 8:30 Steve & Lucy Nash 11:00 Grayson & Bess Robbins, Jim Ingram, George White

**Elder at the front of the sanctuary:** 8:30 Lucy Nash 11:00 Cindy Faucette

**Greeting:** Chris, Meg & Christopher Curtis

We welcome this morning Rev. Allison Wehrung, a native of North Carolina and a graduate of Furman University and Columbia Theological Seminary. She now serves as Executive Presbyter for Campus Ministry for the Presbytery of St. Andrew.

**The Flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Pat Rasberry by her husband, John Rasberry.

**The Rosebud** in the chancel this morning celebrates the birth of Claude Feemster Clayton, IV September 6. He is the son of Roxie and Claude Clayton and the grandson of Judy Thomas.

**Christian Sympathy** is extended to Judy Billups on the death of her aunt, Marquerite Buckley, September 8.

**Christian Sympathy** is extended to the family of Alice Cobb, September 12.

**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](http://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:** Abbey Hastings, Spencer Hillhouse, Amanda Hillhouse

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** September 19 at 5:30 p.m. Fried Chicken Tenders, Baked Italian Spaghetti, Congealed Salad, Green Beans, Corn Casserole, Corn Spoon Bread, Homemade Rolls, Full Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Texas Chocolate Sheet Cake, Lemon Lush, 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.**

If you would like to make a “standing dinner reservation” for Wednesday night supper, please call the church office.

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.

You are cordially invited to a bridal shower for Danielle Frerer Sunday, September 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at Elizabeth Claire’s and Reed’s.

**Church Directory-** If you have and changes for the church directory (address, phone, cell phone, etc.) please call 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 - 34 11:00 - 150

Weekly Budget \$15,418

Offering Amount Received 9-9-18 \$ 24,374

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 672,199

YTD Income Received \$ 608,196



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