

# Morning Worship Service

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

*The Lord calls the courageous and the timid, the confident and the anxious, the equipped and the unprepared, the powerful and the vulnerable, the wise and the wandering. Everyone is welcome in God's family. Everyone is fearfully and wonderfully God's child.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Chorale on 'Canonbury'* Alice Jordan

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

**People: Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.**

Leader: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

**People: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

Leader: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

**People: Our God tells us if we want to be first, we need to go to the end of the line.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 420 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Abundant God, so much of our harmful behavior is rooted in our envy. You have given us our manna – our daily bread – but we want more. We have allowed ourselves to be seduced by commercialism, telling ourselves that we are not complete until we have the nicest things. Forgive us when our actions convey that you are not enough for us. Help us to live our lives simply and faithfully, trusting in your steadfast love to provide all that we need. (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 *Prayer for Peace* Tom Council

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 1 (OT) pg. 489  
Mark 9:30-37, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8 (NT) pg. 45

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **Thinking Together** Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

\*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 *Andante from Sonata No. 6* Felix Mendelssohn

\*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

**Rather than boast of all that we have and are, may we humble ourselves, as we offer our lives, our hearts, and our gifts, in putting others first, that they might discover the wonders of the kingdom of grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 408 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *If Thou But Trust In God To Guide Thee* 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

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. Wanda Dent/Laugh

7:05 P.M. 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. Ron Richardson; Liturgist 8:30 Melissa McDuffie, 11:00 Richard Hastings; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris  
**Ushers:** 8:30 Steve & Lucy Nash 11:00 Judy Thomas, Jim Ingram, George White  
**Elder at the front of the sanctuary:** 8:30 Lucy Nash 11:00 Richard Hastings  
**Greeting:** Chris, Meg & Christopher Curtis

**The Flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Sara “Polly” Thomason by her grand nieces, Brenda Branyan and Frances Blackwell.

**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:** John & Betty Castles, Mary Evelyn Loden, Virginia Mills

**College Students:** Hunter Johnson, Kathryn Martin, Retta Maxwell, Cooper Moore

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 26 at 5:30 p.m. Roast Beef with Potatoes and Carrots, Fried Chicken Tenders, Marinated Vegetables, Corn on the Cob, Green Beans, Tater Tots, Rolls. Full Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Italian Cream Cake, Chocolate Layered Dessert, 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.

Friends luncheon is Monday, September 24 at Gloster Creek Village. Contacts are Jackie Haguewood, 401-4300, Bonnie Williford 214-2792 and Judy Armentrout 213-9626.

THE SESSION has called a Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of acting on the terms of call for the candidate to fill the position of Senior Pastor.

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.

The 17th Annual Celebration Village Bakery needs your help! Celebration Village is October 24-27 in Building V of the Tupelo Furniture Market on Coley Road. All proceeds from the bakery benefit Sanctuary Hospice House. The bakery will gratefully accept any of the following items: Iced Layer Cakes, Bundt Cakes, Breads, Cookies, Cupcakes, Fudge, Brownies, Muffins, Cheese Straws, Chex Mix, Jellies, Preserves and Jams, Frozen Casseroles and Soups. All items can be dropped off at the Furniture Market, Building V on Wednesday, October 24 from 9-3, Thursday, October 25 from 9-10 and Friday, October 26 from 9-10. For more information contact: Cindy Faucette at 231-6827 or Judy Thomas at 790-4523.

Trunk or Treat 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](mailto:LPNASH@aol.com)

Olin’s “Walk Through the Bible” has been postponed.

#### 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 - 33 11:00 - 102

Weekly Budget \$15,418

Offering Amount Received 9-16-18 \$ 3,758

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 672,199

YTD Income Received \$ 608,196



## First Presbyterian Church

400 Jefferson Street  
Tupelo, Mississippi †  
662.842.5681

Fax 662.842.1696

Visit us online. [www.firstprestupelo.org](http://www.firstprestupelo.org)  
[www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurch.tupeloms](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurch.tupeloms)

