

Morning Worship Service

Twenty - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

God is all around us. In the laughter of little ones. In the wise words of those who have lived full lives. In the hectic day to day. In calm silence. God is there.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Toccata* Théodore Dubois

INTROIT *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder* arr. Davis Edwards

*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 91

Leader: We who live in the shelter of the Most High,

People: We say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust."

Leader: For he will cover us with his wings and under his wings we will find refuge,

People: He commands his angels to guard us in all our ways.

All: Let us worship our God who promises to meet us here.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 461 *God Is Here!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, so much goes on around us that we don't even notice. You put people in our lives who need our attention, and we don't see them. You put us in situations that need our patience and understanding, and we overlook the opportunity. We even get so caught up in ourselves that we don't see the ways we fail to honor you. Forgive us, Holy God. Forgive us for overlooking our neighbor; forgive us for overlooking you. Help us to live seeing the people and situations around us as you do and to respond to them as you would have us respond. (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 *Lead Me On, O Great Jehovah* Jay Althouse

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 28: 10-19 (OT) pg. 25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Bethel** Melissa McDuffie

*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 *Sicilienne* Maria Teresia von Paradis

*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

Giver of good gifts, we ask that you take these gifts, bless them and use them to accomplish your holy will. God, not just these gifts, but our lives and even our whole selves, too. May we live as reflections of you in this world as you work your holy will through us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 285 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Rondeau* Jean-Joseph Mouret

*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

7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY

8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten

9:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

8:30 A.M.

5:00 P.M.

5:05 P.M.

5:30 P.M.

6:15 P.M.

7:05 P.M.

THURSDAY

7:30 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

FRIDAY

8:30 A.M.

12:00 Noon

T'ai Chi Chih

Staff Meeting

Mary & Martha's Bible Study

A.A. 12 & 12. Alanon

Preschool & Kindergarten

Faithbuilders

Handbells

Supper in Fellowship Hall

Wanda Dent/Laugh

Choir

Men's Breakfast (Holiday Inn)

Preschool & Kindergarten

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: Melissa McDuffie; Liturgist 8:30 Joey 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 Lori Dickerson 11:00 Mark Burleson

Greeting: Chris, Meg & Christopher Curtis

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Presley Thornton Jr. by Robin and Cindy Faucette.

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: Flo Shultz, Grace Stamps, Chris Thompson

College Students: John Hewitt Parker, 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

WEDNESDAY SUPPER October 3 at 5:30 p.m. Dodge's Chicken Tenders, Chicken Broccoli Divan, Green Beans, Corn on the Cob, Congealed Salad, Homemade Rolls, Full Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Layered Dessert, Lemon Crunch, Chocolate Sheet Cake, 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.

Helping Hands- Join our team to assist at Helping Hands Food Pantry on Saturday, October 6 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 are welcome. More info: rickjones2525@gmail.com or 662-213-1520.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting October 7, 2018 for the purpose of receiving and acting on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee. The Committee is recommending that we call our Interim Pastor, the Rev. Olin McBride, as our installed Pastor.

You are cordially invited to a bridal shower for Danielle Frerer Sunday, this afternoon 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

Olin's "Walk Through the Bible" has been postponed.

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

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 - 27 11:00 - 117

Weekly Budget \$15,418

Offering Amount Received 9-23-18 \$ 14,977

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 672,199

YTD Income Received \$ 626,931



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