

Morning Worship Service

Twenty -Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

In one of Paul Simon's songs he penned the words, "A man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest." This may be a poetic way of talking about selective listening or just a simple observations. In our lesson for today we are told about a deaf man who heard for the first time. In one sense, we have all heard nothing until we have heard the good news of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Jesus also caused the man to speak. And in a way we begin to really speak when our words are seasoned with the characteristics of grace, wisdom and truth.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Largo* G.F. Handel

INTROIT *Festival Piece on St. Anne* Eugene Butler

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He opened the ears of the deaf man. We make ready to hear the news.

People: Jesus is the Lord of Glory.

Leader: He gave speech to the speechless. We are ready to speak as you have spoken to us in Christ.

People: With the Father and the Holy Spirit, Jesus is worshipped and glorified.

Leader: Let us worship our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 446 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, and we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises. Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet. (Silent prayers) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We open our lips and confess our hearts. God hears our words and makes us new, sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

People: We hear the good news, we believe the good news, we will live out the good news.

Thanks be to God. 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 *Immortal Love, Forever Full* William Wallace

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 146 (OT) pg. 581
Mark 7: 24-37 (NT) pg. 42

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Yes, And** Rev. Allison Wehrung

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 364 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

*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 *Aria* Samuel Wesley

*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, you alone can make all things holy; we offer to you the first fruits of our hands: our pledges for the work of your church, our offerings for those in need, our gifts in thankfulness for your grace, and most of all ourselves to be your faithful people once again. Take all that we bring and use it for your purpose, that these offerings may be a means for you to bless your whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN No.307 *Fight the Good Fight*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Henry Purcell

*Congregation standing as able.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

9:45 A.M.

5:30 P.M.

5:30 P.M.

MONDAY

8:30 A.M.

9:30 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.

10:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Noon

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.

10:00 A.M.

FRIDAY

8:30 A.M.

12:00 Noon

Morning Worship Service

Sunday School

Youth Meeting

Stewardship Meeting

Preschool & Kindergarten

Circle 2/ Ann Godwin's home

Prayer Partners

Mah Jongg/Rec Room

Administrative, Christian

Education, Congregational Care,

Fellowship, Outreach/Mission, &

Worship Committee Meetings

Boy Scouts

Preschool & Kindergarten

T'ai Chi Chih

Staff Meeting

Marthas Cooking

Mary & Martha's Bible Study

Circle 4/ Session Room

A.A. 12 & 12. Alanon

Preschool & Kindergarten

Faithbuilders

Handbells

Supper in Fellowship Hall

Youth Presentation- Boston

Choir

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: 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 David Carlisle 11:00 Chris Rogers

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 Bill & Wade Young by Sarah & Rachel Young.

The Rosebud in the chancel this morning celebrates the birth of Bryan Thomas Ellis, September 5. He is the son of Natalie and Bryan Ellis and the grandson of Daintry & Mike Thomas.

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: Virginia Mills, Flo Shultz, Grace Stamps

College Students: Gus Depew, Lexye Devita, Patrick Hastings

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 12 at 5:30 p.m. Connie's Chicken Tenders, Pork Tenderloin, Cheesy Potato Casserole, Turnip Green Casserole, Green Beans, Boston Baked Beans, Congealed Salad, Full Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Homemade Rolls, Banana Pudding, Boston Cream Pie, Chocolate Chunk Cookies, and 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 and Jim (along with several other FPC folks) are out of the country until Saturday, September 15.

Time for Chatterbug Readers at ECEC. If you would like to read one time to a class please contact Cindy Faucette at cfaucette@bellsouth.net or 662-231-6827.

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.

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 - 25 11:00 - 168

Weekly Budget \$15,418

Offering Amount Received 9-2-18 \$ 7,605

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 672,199

YTD Income Received \$ 583,627



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