

Morning Worship Service

Twenty - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7, 2018

8:30 & 11:00A.M.

Loving God, your Christ welcomed even little children with no claim of merit, prestige, or power. Fill the hearts of your people with grace and open our arms as wide as Christ's, that not one of your children feel excluded from your realm; through the welcoming Christ we pray. Amen.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISION OCC Mitzi Moore

PRELUDE *Though I May Speak* Dale Wood

INTROIT *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* W.H. Jude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to the house of worship, welcome to this table of grace! Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday.

People: In Guatemala, Cuba, Africa, and Mississippi, our sisters and brothers come to one table.

Leader: Wealthy or beggars, youthful or aged, we all break one bread, we all share one cup.

People: United in Christ, let nothing divide us; neither gender nor nation, neither pride nor despair.

People: Welcomed by grace, we join at the table, welcoming others in Christ's name, at prayer.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No.298 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you invite us to be in relationships with others in this life. We confess that we do not do enough to nurture healthy partnerships. We walk away from friendships when we disagree. We turn from other believers when we interpret things differently. Instead of celebrating the ways that you have brought us together, we look for ways to separate ourselves and push you out of the picture. Forgive our foolish, selfish ways, Holy God. Unify us through the power of your Spirit. Teach us to be patient and loving, that we may all be made one in Christ. (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 *I Am Bound for the Kingdom* arr. Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10 (OT) pg. 453
Mark 10: 2-16 (NT) pg. 45

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

SERMON **Finding Our Voice** Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson

*HYMN OF DEDICATION – No. 280 *Amazing Grace*

*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.

TWO CENTS A MEAL

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness* Johannes Brahms

*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

Accept, O Lord, the offering we seek to make, of ourselves and our money; and grant that we may ever work and pray to build a world of peace and joy and freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

BLESSING AFTER MEAL

*CLOSING HYMN No. 391 *Take My Life*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Tocatta in E Minor* Johann Pachelbel

*Congregation Standing- as able

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY

9:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Congregational Meeting
8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Meeting @ The Gibens

MONDAY

9:30 A.M. Circle 2/ Ann Godwin's home
2:00 P.M. Prayer Partners
5:00 P.M. Mah Jongg
5:30 P.M. Administrative, Christian Education, Congregational Care, Outreach/Mission, Property & Grounds, Stewardship, Worship Committee Meetings

TUESDAY

8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten
11:00 A.M. Mary & Martha's Bible Study
Noon Circle 4/Sheffield Classroom
5:30 P.M. Property & Grounds Meeting
7:00 P.M. A.A. 12&12 Al-Anon

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. OCC Presentation
7:05 PM. 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.

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.

Leading the Worship Service: Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson; Liturgist: 8:30 Debra Robison 11:00 Helen Monts; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Elder at the front of the sanctuary: 8:30 David Carlisle 11:00 Ann Godwin

Greeting: Bill & Lucy Hilbun

Ushers: 8:30 Judy Griffie & David Williams 11:00 Leighton & Julie Gibens

Balcony Ushers: Jim Ingram & George White

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Danielle Frerer and Ray Ratliff's marriage at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 6, 2018.

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).

IMPORTANT REMINDER

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: Ruth Ann Wilcox, Bernice Baker, John & Betty Castles

College Students: Larkin Robbins, George Seiler, Henry Seiler, Ivy Wells

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, and our pastoral staff and prayer partners will pray for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY SUPPER October 10 at 5:30 p.m. Chicken Tenders, Build-your-own Tacos and Taco Salads with all the fixings, King Ranch Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Corn Spoon Bread, Tater Tots, Homemade Rolls, Congealed Salad, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Italian Cream Cake, Lemon Lush, Peach Cobbler with Ice Cream, and Chocolate Chunk Cookies **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.**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting today, October 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. 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.

It's Operation Christmas Child time again! Please stop by our table in the breezeway on Sunday's or outside the kitchen on Wednesday nights to pick up your boxes. Fill them and return them by Sunday, November 4. If you need ideas or have questions, please call Mitzi Moore (401-7844) or Mary Stubbs (231-5675. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful project but cannot fill a box, there is still

a place for you. You may make a monetary donation so that the youth can do your shopping and gladly fill a box for you! Please add this project to your prayer list and help us make a difference in the lives of these children.

Cookies Needed- We are feeding the Tupelo Golden Wave football team on Friday, October 19. Dessert is cookies. Please bake any kind and have at the church on Thursday, October 18. Questions call Ann Godwin 842-3505.

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. Contact Lucy Nash 687-1940 or LPNASH@aol.com

The Session

Clerk of the Session, Cindy Faucette

Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Doyce Deas	Charlie Barber	Mark Burleson
Lori Dickerson	David Carlisle	Sally Kate Collins
Rick Jones	Vivian Fleming	Ann Godwin
Jimmy Milam	Julie Gibens	Richard Hastings
Lucy Nash	Toni Martin	Glenn Thomas
Judy Thomas	Drew Mauldin	Joel Zimmerman
Mike Thomas	Rud Robison	
Rochelle Wallace	Chris Rogers	

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 -120

Weekly Budget \$15,960	Amount Received 9-30-18 \$ 25,414
YTD Budgeted Income \$672,199	YTD Income Received \$652,345



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