

Morning Worship Service
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2018

11:00 A.M.

In a world where being blessed means having a special talent; or children who don't get in trouble; or driving a luxury car; or being physically fit and attractive; when Jesus calls us to be blessed, it is a call to a radically different lifestyle.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

A TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP Jimmy Milam

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Paul Manz

INTROIT *Bread of the World* Mark Burrows

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Revelation 21: 1-6)

Leader: We are the church that lives into God's future today.

People: A church united across space and time.

Leader: A church of many races, languages and ethnicities.

People: A church that lives by the work of God in Christ that was, is now, and is still to come.

Leader: The one who is seated on the throne says to us: "See, I am making all things new!"

People: A new heaven and a new earth, where the home of God is among God's people.

Leader: God's future is epic, and it's good news.

All: Remember God's future, for this is our story!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 526 *For All the Saints*

*A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts. (Silent Prayers) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God!

People: Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! 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 *The Call* Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **A Preacher's Confession** Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Q. 1. What is the chief and highest end of humankind?

A. Our chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.
from the Larger Catechism

TWO CENTS A MEAL

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

DEDICATION OF 2019 FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Aria* G. F. Handel

*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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION – No. 505 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

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.509 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata in D Minor* J. S. Bach

*Congregation Standing- as able

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY

9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service
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
6:45 P.M. Circle 3

TUESDAY

8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
11:00 A.M. Mary & Martha's Bible Study
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. Parkgate Pregnancy Center
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.

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. Olin McBride; Liturgist: Julie Gibens; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris
Elder at the front of the sanctuary: Ann Godwin
Greeting: Gay Abney
Ushers: Leighton & Walker Gibens
Balcony Ushers: Jim Ingram & George White

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lee and George Walsh and Mae Walsh Seiler by Julie, Jim, George and Henry Seiler.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Tom Bailey, October 27.

All Saints' Sunday - Today we remember the faithful who have gone before us. As part of this observance, the names of First Presbyterian members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year are read during worship.

Elsie Bornman	Joe Rutherford	Fraser Hunter
Virginia Wood	Keith Randle	Ed Neelly
Ralph Shultz	Dot Randle	Polly Thomason
Claire Herndon	Fayette Williams	Alice Cobb
Tom Bailey		

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 "**Wee Kirk**" 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, Becky Franklin
Homebound: Virginia Mills, Flo Shultz, Grace Stamps
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, and our pastoral staff and prayer partners will pray for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY SUPPER November 7 at 5:30 p.m. Dodge's Chicken Tenders, Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Turnip Green Casserole, Congealed Salad, Ham and Cheese Rolls, Homemade Rolls, Full Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Banana Pudding, Chocolate Sheet Cake, Lemon Crunch, 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.**

Greeters are needed for December 9, 16, 23 & 30. If you are able to serve as a greeter, please contact Margaret Anne Murphey 842-5213.

FPC is moving to one service at 11:00 a.m. beginning November 4 (when Olin McBride returns from medical leave) until January 6. Sunday School time will not change.

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to report that last week's pledges for the coming year received from the Session and Stewardship Committee members total \$307,252. Of the twenty-nine (29) pledges received, which comprise participation by one hundred percent (100%) of the Session and Stewardship Committee members, one pledge is new, twenty-three (23) represent increases over last year's pledges, several match last year's significantly increased giving levels, and the average pledge amount exceeds last year's. The committee members are grateful for this outpouring of support and anticipate even more good news following this Consecration Sunday as we bring our formal Stewardship season to a close.

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
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 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 - 32 11:00 - 178

Weekly Budget \$15,960	Amount Received 10-28-18 \$ 16,486
YTD Budgeted Income \$ 747,717	YTD Income Received \$ 710,670



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