

Morning Worship Service

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018

8:30 & 11:00A.M.

The life which is filled with self has no room for anyone else. The life which is emptied of self has plenty of room for others and for God.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World* Diane Bish

INTROIT *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the celebration of God's love in Jesus Christ. Come all who are poor and blind. Come all who are maimed in spirit and hungry for hope!

People: Thanks be to God who lifts up the humble and welcomes the needy!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 482 *Praise Ye the Lord Almighty*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have wrapped ourselves in selfishness like a protective shell. Within the stifling circle of self-concern we pamper ourselves and tend to our own wants. We are deaf to the pleas and cries of our neighbors. We are blind to the needs of brothers and sisters. We are untouched by those who reach out to us. Forgive us for smallness and self-absorption. Break down our walls of selfishness by the liberating love of your Son Jesus, and call us forth into the joy of service and sharing. As Christ gave himself for us, so teach us to give ourselves for others. We pray for mercy and healing in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. (Silent prayers) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Servant.

People: The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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 *Celtic Laud* Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 14: 1, 7- 14 (NT) pg.77

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **I Expect the Best Seat** Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

*HYMN OF DEDICATION – No. 324 *Open My Eyes That I May See*

*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 *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

God our Father, it is only by the prompting of your Spirit that we find the grace to open our hands and hearts to you. Yet in every act of service and sacrifice, we receive from you more that we have given. For the more we give of ourselves the more you give of yourself to us. And it is only in surrendering our lives to the Kingdom that we find true, abundant life in Jesus Christ; in whose name we bring our offerings. 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. 509 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Azmon"* Albin Whitworth

*Congregation Standing- as able

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY

9:45 A.M. Sunday School
8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

MONDAY

2:00 P.M. Prayer Partners
5:00 P.M. Mah Jongg
6:45 P.M. Circle 3/ R & D Marketing 4110 Westside Dr.

TUESDAY

8:30 A.M. Preschool & Kindergarten
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 Program
6:15 P.M. Choir
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. Olin McBride; Liturgist: 8:30 Melissa McDuffie 11:00 Melanie Deas; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris
Elder at the front of the sanctuary: 8:30 Lori Dickerson 11:00 Vivian Fleming
Greeting: Margaret Anne Murphey
Ushers: 8:30 Steve & Lucy Nash 11:00 Grayson & Bess Robbins
Balcony Ushers: Jim Ingram & George White

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Sudie Crockett by Jimmy Crockett, Becky Easley and Janice Reynolds.

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: John & Betty Castles, Alice Cobb, Mary Evelyn Maxwell Loden

College Students: Jackson Caldwell, Mamie Clark, Emma Counce

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

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 3 for the Labor Day Holiday.

WE NEED YOU! Plan to attend **“The Kickoff”** on September 5 beginning with supper at 5:30 p.m. Wear your team colors! Wednesday nights at FPC offer an opportunity for us to share a meal together while spending time in fellowship, but it is just not the same without you! Consider this a “team” meeting! The Christian Education Committee has worked very hard to plan an interesting slate of programming for the adults while the children again participate in Faithbuilders, a program that teaches the children about God and His love for us through storytelling, crafts and music. We hope that you will participate in this time of fellowship.

WEDNESDAY SUPPER Wednesday, September 5 at 5:30 p.m. Dodge's Chicken Tenders, Chicken and Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Corn on the Cob, Orange Congealed Salad, Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Homemade Rolls, Full Salad Bar with Vegetables, Fresh Fruit, Lemon Crisp, Chocolate Layered Dessert, 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.

Helping Hands Join our team to assist at Helping Hands Food Pantry on Saturday September 8 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 welcome. More information: rickjones2525@gmail.com or [662-213-1520](tel:662-213-1520).

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
Lori Dickerson
Rick Jones
Jimmy Milam
Lucy Nash
Judy Thomas
Mike Thomas
Rochelle Wallace

Charlie Barber
David Carlisle
Vivian Fleming
Julie Gibens
Toni Martin
Drew Mauldin
Rud Robison
Chris Rogers

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 -38

11:00 -141

Weekly Budget \$15,960

Amount Received 8-26-18 \$ 18,909

YTD Budgeted Income \$597,510

YTD Income Received \$575,522



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