

Morning Worship Service
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 2018

10:00 A.M.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper is a powerful symbol of Christ's presence in our midst. When we share the bread and the cup, we remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. We also remember that his Spirit works in and through us, nurturing and renewing us and giving life to the church.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* John Innes

INTROIT *Come and Feast* Lee Dengler

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

People: In the colors of the rainbow, we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.

Leader: In the days of Moses, the words of God were written on tablets of stone, as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.

People: In the tablets of stone, we see the sign of God's hope for each to live in peace with God and neighbor.

Leader: In the days of the prophet, God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

All: As members of the living Body of Christ, we see the sign of God's promise among us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No.262 *God of Ages*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Confession is not an easy or a pleasant thing to do. We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following your way. But we know in our hearts the many ways in which we have turned our backs on you and rejected your will for us. Like the people in the wilderness, we create for ourselves idols and worship them, only to discover their shallowness and emptiness for our lives. And we wonder what went wrong. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Help us to be open to your will for our lives. We know what you want us to do. Give us the persistence and the courage to do your will. Heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes. Remind us that we must reach out to others in compassion and peace. Merciful God, come to us this day with your healing power and help us again to be your disciples, offering hope and peace to your hurting and wounded world. In Jesus' name, we pray. (Silent prayers) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven. God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Praise God!

*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 *America the Beautiful* arr. Mary McDonald

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 20: 8-11 (NT) pg.66

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Do We Honor the Sabbath?** Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

*HYMN OF DEDICATION – No.345 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Q. 116. What is required in the Fourth Commandment?

A. The Fourth Commandment requireth of all men and women the sanctifying or keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his Word, expressly one whole day in seven; which was the seventh from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, and the first day of the week ever since, and so to continue to the end of the world; which is the Christian Sabbath, and in the New Testament called "the Lord's Day."

From the Larger Catechism

TWO CENTS A MEAL

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Let Us Break Bread Together* Dale Wood

*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

Almighty God, you have given yourself to us in our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we give ourselves and our offerings to you. Use us and them to nurture the body of Christ and build your kingdom on earth; in Jesus' name. 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. 561 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fanfare for the Common Man* Aaron Copland/Brisson

*Congregation Standing- as able

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.

Adult Sunday School

10:00 A.M.

Morning Worship

5:30 P.M.

Youth Meeting

MONDAY

2:00 P.M.

Prayer Partners

5:30 P.M.

Christian Education Meeting

6:00 P.M.

Mah Jongg

TUESDAY

8:00 P.M.

A.A. 12&12 Al-Anon

THURSDAY

7:30 A.M.

Men's Breakfast (Holiday Inn)

10:00 A.M.

Fiber Arts & Crafts

FRIDAY

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: Debra Robison; Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Elder at the front of the sanctuary: Lucy Nash

Greeting: Sheree Lence

Ushers: Presly & Kathy Wallace

Balcony Ushers: Jim Ingram & George White

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Abby Wallace and Brent Heavner.

Nursery Care is available for all children, newborn through 4 years old. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time. Children (kindergarten and under) are invited to attend "extended session" in the nursery for a children's chapel followed by play time and snack. However, all children are welcome in worship! If you feel the need to excuse yourself and your child, you can hear the service over speakers in McFadden Hall.

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, Claire Herndon, Judy Armentrout

Homebound: Hugh Purnell, Flo Shultz, Grace Stamps

College Students: Patrick Hastings, Spencer Hillhouse, Hunter Johnson, Kathryn Martin

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 Wednesday for the July 4th holiday.

Summer Sunday School –There is a Sunday school class for adults in the fellowship hall during the summer months beginning at 9:00 a.m. We are studying the Gospel of John using a commentary by Barclay. Parents, please note that there is no Sunday school for children. Instead the children will attend the worship service and leave after the children’s sermon for Children’s Church in the last classroom in the hallway next to the library.

At the recommendation of the Holy Cow Survey Consultant, we are trying out new ideas for Vacation Bible School this summer. Children’s Church will provide the VBS experience every Sunday morning, and we will end with a bang with our “Camp FPC” rally weekend for all ages on August 11th and 12th. We have a very interesting guest speaker in store for the adults and exciting curriculum for the children, hopefully making the weekend a true family affair. Kyle Rogers and Harris Rhea will cook their famous BBQ for our mid- afternoon meal on that Saturday. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Montreat Youth Conference is fast approaching, and our youth will attend again this year! In the past we stayed in William Black Lodge where meals were provided; when that became too expensive, we rented a home for the week we are there. This has worked beautifully, but has made meals our responsibility. We have extra space to transport food, so are asking that you consider donating certain food items. If you would like more information, please contact Melissa at [662-871-2046](tel:662-871-2046) or mcduffiemel18@gmail.com. Thank you, thank you for all the support from our generous congregation!!! We love y’all!

Pastor Nominating Committee Update (PNC). The PNC has completed the required Ministry Information Form (MIF) and is in the process of uploading the MIF to our Church Leadership Connection website. The Committee hopes to begin receiving Personal Information Forms (PIF) which match our needs in the coming weeks. Members of the PNC are Aubrey Patterson, Sam Pace, Andy Crotwell, Alice Rogers, Teresa Biddle, Mary Margaret Gratz & Judy Thomas

We resume two service times, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., on Sunday, August 12.

The Session

Clerk of the Session, Cindy Faucette

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Kirk Biddle	Doyce Deas	Charlie Barber
Jana Eakes	Lori Dickerson	David Carlisle
Chauncey Godwin	Rick Jones	Vivian Fleming
Lisa Nichols	Jimmy Milam	Julie Gibens
Sam Pace	Lucy Nash	Toni Martin
Aubrey Patterson	Judy Thomas	Drew Mauldin
Sue Shepherd	Mike Thomas	Rud Robison
Buddy Stubbs	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

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 10:00 168

Weekly Budget \$15,960

YTD Budgeted Income \$ 448,132

Amount Received 6-24-18 \$ 41,277

YTD Income Received \$ 463,289



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