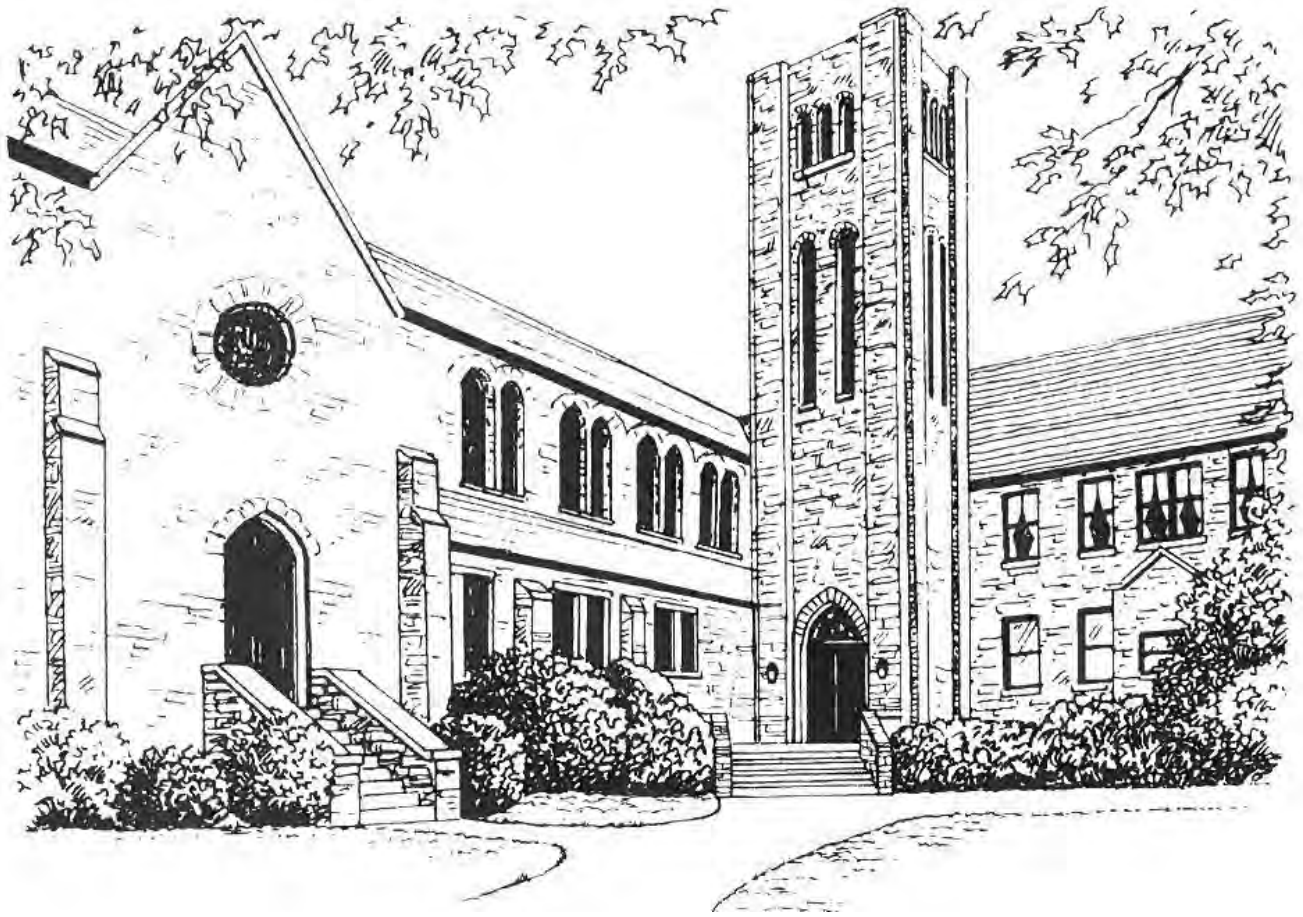


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Morning Worship Service

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 10, 2025

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

“Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.”

- PROVERBS 1:20

*Congregation standing as able.

Bold is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

The Ash Grove

ARR. DALE WOOD

INTROIT

Simple Gifts

ARR. RYAN MURPHY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
but delight in the law of the Lord.

**We come to worship the One whose wisdom is our life,
whose word roots us like trees beside living water.**

Let us seek the path that leads to righteousness and peace.

Let us worship God with joy and reverence.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God,
You call out to us like wisdom in the streets,
like a mother longing to gather her children.
Open our ears to your voice,
our hearts to your truth,
and our lives to your way.
Root us beside your streams of living water,

that we may flourish in your love
and bear the fruit of justice, mercy, and peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 476 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus weeps over the cities of this world,
and Wisdom cries out to all who turn away.
Let us return to God with contrite hearts,
trusting in God's mercy and truth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Wisdom,
we confess that we often refuse your counsel.
We turn away from your cries,
ignore your prophets,
and follow voices that flatter or soothe.
We do not weep over what you weep over.
We do not walk in your ways.
Forgive our stubbornness,
soften our hearts,
and lead us once more in the way of life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Time of Silent Confession)

KYRIE

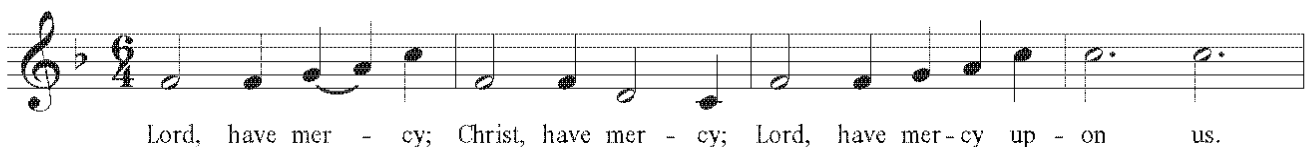
Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

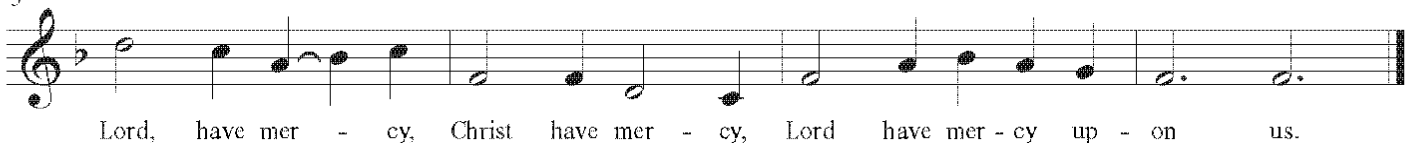
Kyrie Eleison

America folk hymn

arr. Richard Proulx



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
and though we falter, Christ gathers us in mercy.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to 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

TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 1

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked

or take the path that sinners tread

or sit in the seat of scoffers,

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees

planted by streams of water,

which yield their fruit in its season,

and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment

**nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
*for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.***

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 23:37-39

PEW BIBLE, PG. 26

ANTHEM

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

DONNA KASBOHM

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PROVERBS 1:20-33

PEW BIBLE, PG. 584

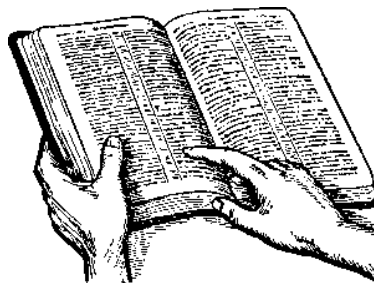
SERMON

“She Raises Her Voice”

REV. JOHN BROCK

*STATEMENT OF FAITH — from *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
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 rose 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.**



*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

*God is Wisdom, God is Love
(see insert)*

RATHBUN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Hyfrydol

ARR. JOHN PURIFOY

*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.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of mercy and grace,
we offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude.
Use them—and us—for the building of your kingdom,
the blessing of your people,
and the witness of your wisdom in the world.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN No. 540

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

POSTLUDE

Praise Ye the Lord, Almighty

PAUL MANZ

*BENEDICTION



God is Wisdom, God is Love

RATHBUN

John Bowring, 1825

Ithamar Conkey, 1849

God is love, His mer - cy bright - ens;
Chance and change are bus - y ev - er,
Ev'n the hour that dark - est seem - ing
He with earth - ly cares en - twin - ing;

5
all the path in which we rove;
man de - cays and a - ges move;
will His change - less good - ness prove;
hope and com - fort from a - bove;

9
Bliss He wakes and woe He light - ens;
But His mer - cy want - ing ne - ver;
From the mist His bright - ness stream - ing;
Ev - ry where His glo - ry shin - ing;

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God is wis - dom, God is love.
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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Are you looking for a church home? If so, please speak to our minister following worship or email him at pastor@firstprestupelo.org.

Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.

Ritual of friendship — Members and Visitors: Please sign the attendance register and pass it down your pew. Please read the names, greet one another, and meet new members and visitors.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of my precious daughter, Denise, and my dear husband, Bob, from Bonnie Williford.

All children are welcome in worship! Children's activity bags and special bulletins are available for all ages and are located with our regular worship bulletins in the Narthex. Nursery care is available for newborns through four-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time. After the 11:00 Children's Sermon, preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to attend "Wee Kirk." This is a time of fun childcare with age-appropriate songs and games.

The service is live streamed and available for viewing on YouTube.com by those unable to be with us this morning. Search firstprestupelo. We also invite you to visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

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.

Leading the worship service today: Rev. John Brock, Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris, Nan Lawrence

Liturgist: 9:00: Sam Agnew

11:00: Sheree Lence

Greeters: 9:00: Sarah Helen Beckham, Virginia Toliver

11:00: Jack & Aubre Wells & Family

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Ginger Mark, Scarlett Reeder, Jim Seiler

Homebound: Ruby Kathryn Patterson, Barbara Price, Jack Price

College Students: Walt Rose, Jenkins Wells, Ana Morgan Beckham

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

One Service at 10:30 A.M.: 182

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$17,025

Amount Received 8/3/25: \$8,194

YTD Budgeted Income: \$680,987

YTD Income Received: \$675,583

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our weekly Bible study will meet this Monday, August 11 at 11:00 A.M. We will continue meeting in the Bolton/Sistahood Room. This group enjoys engaging discussions and fellowship and is open to everyone. This week, we will be studying Luke 18.

For August, I want to try something different. I am going to send out the main passage I will be preaching from, and I would like anyone who is interested in reading the passage and sending me their thoughts on the passage to participate. **The passage for August 17 is Proverbs 3:3-4; 27-30.** If you have any thoughts or ideas or questions from the passage, please email me at pastor@firstprestupelo.org or **come by the office!** Please do so by **Wednesday, August 13,** so I will have time to think about and integrate your ideas into the sermon.

We would like to thank Nan Lawrence for her beautiful playing in the service today.

It is with great joy that we announce the **marriage of Theresa White and Steve McCormick,** who were married on **August 4.** Please congratulate them when you get the opportunity.



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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP & WORK

Sunday

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August

9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 A.M. Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
11:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts, Room B205

Monday

11
August

11:00 A.M. Bible Study
2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym
5:00 P.M. Administrative Committee Meeting, Bolton
5:30 P.M. Property & Grounds Committee Meeting, Journey
5:30 P.M. Worship Committee Meeting, Library
5:30 P.M. Congregational Care Committee Meeting, Guatemala
5:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee Meeting, Session Rm.
5:30 P.M. Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday

12
August

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym
7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

Wednesday

13
August

2:30 P.M. Mah Jongg-Stewart Clayton SS Rm.
3:00 P.M. CASA, Gym

Thursday

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August

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn
2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym

Friday

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August

12:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting
2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym

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Lisa Nichols, Clerk of the Session

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