



CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

*A Word of Hope in Troubling Times
from the Book of Philippians*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

WELCOME

November 22, 2020

Thank you for joining us for worship.

To decrease the risk of COVID for all gathered, please observe the following:

- Wear a mask and remain seated
 - Maintain social distance from other worshippers
 - Place offering in plates in the narthex
 - **Child Care during worship is now open for very young children in Room 110/111 in Education Wing.**
- If you need assistance in finding the room, please ask an usher.**

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Paul writes, "Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ."

Many: **We regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus Our Lord.**

One: As the scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Many: **This is the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes. Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN 641

When In Our Music God is Glorified

ENGELBERG

*When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!*

*How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!*

*So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!*

*And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!*

Worship begins best with a prayerful spirit. Use the prelude time to center yourself and open your heart and mind to the worship of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

HOPSON

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Many of us may be feeling guilt or shame at how we have behaved towards others, or even the biases we have received and passed on.

Now is the time to confess everything to God and ask for forgiveness and transformation, which we believe God freely gives.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the Good News: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 581

Glory Be To The Father

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.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00 am)

FIRST LESSON

MICAH 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Want to learn more about the Scripture used in worship this week? Listen to our podcast Rocket City Lift! Found on iTunes, Spotify, Sound Cloud, and Google Podcast.

ANTHEM

Thanksgiving Canon
Chancel Choir (Virtual)

ANNA LAURA PAGE

*O come, ye thankful people, come
And raise the song of harvest home.
Come, join creation's happy song;
To God our praise and love belong.*

*In ev'ry land begin the song;
To ev'ry land the strains belong;
In cheerful sounds all voices raise
And fill the world with loudest praise.*

*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*

SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Citizens of Heaven: Sharing our Hope"

The Rev. Brett Gudeman

HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.*

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(You are invited to place your offering in the collection plates in the narthex.)

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

HYMN 367

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship. The money given at the offering is a token and symbol of our desire to devote our whole selves to God's service in response to God's loving faithfulness in us.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger,
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Brett Gudeman,
Associate Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,
Pianist/Organist

Clinton Garrison, Baritone
Katie Buckner, Haley
Flemons, Jairit Montilla

Chancel Choir (Virtual)

Kathy Gillmore,
Director of Christian
Education

Ushers:

Barbara Rahrer, Roy and
Marilyn McCorkle, Bob
Frank Smith, Bo Lundy

Video and Sound:

Mike Hyatt, Tom Stroud,
Brian Bulger, Jack Phillips

*For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home!*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

My Peace I Leave You
(Virtual Choir)

ARR. LON BERRY

POSTLUDE

Please review the broadcast of this service to see the benediction.

New Member Class

*Want to learn more about
FPCHSV? Interested in
membership? Please let
Dr. Bulger know!*

Worship Resources Adapted From:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Series, the Book of Common Worship, and Enterthebible.org
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THIS WEEK AT FPCHSV

November 22-November 29

Sunday, November 22, 2020

8:30 am Worship Service SAN
9:00 am - 9:30 am Godly Play Zoom
9:30 am - 10:30 am Feasting on the Word FH or Zoom
9:30 am - 10:30 am Charles Danner Seminar LIB or Zoom
10:30 am - 10:45 am Peepers Sunday School Zoom
11:00 am Worship Service SAN

Monday, November 23, 2020

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Mission and Evangelism Meeting Zoom

Wednesday, November 25-Friday, November 27, 2020

Office closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Worship Service SAN
9:00 am - 9:30 am Godly Play Zoom
9:30 am - 10:30 am Feasting on the Word FH or Zoom
9:30 am - 10:30 am Charles Danner Seminar LIB or Zoom
9:30 am - 10:30 am Youth Sunday School Zoom
10:30 am - 10:45 am Peepers Sunday School Zoom
11:00 am Worship Service SAN
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Presbyterian Youth Connection all ages (off site)

Calendar Legend:

BR - Bell Room
CH - Carriage House (GBH)
CER - Christian Ed Resource upstairs
CR - Choir Room
FH - Fellowship Hall
GBH - Gideon Blackburn House
HR - Historical Room
JAH - John Allan Hall (GBH)
LIB - Library
SAN - Sanctuary
SMR - Stephen Ministry Room (GBH)



First Presbyterian is a Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

We welcome you as a participant in worship today. We pray that you will find this service meaningful. Worship is but one of the many ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

If you would like to receive our Weekly E-News, please send your name and email address to communications@fpchsv.org.

FLOWER GUILD HONORS AND MEMORIALS

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God.

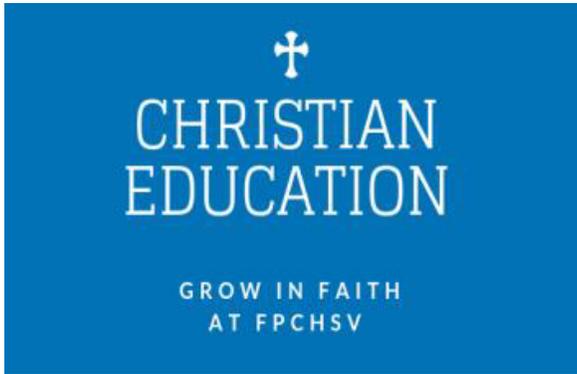


Mission of the Month for November: Santa for Seniors

For November FPC will partner with TARCOG-Area Agency on Aging to provide Christmas gifts for 75 low income, disabled, homebound seniors. This year, due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, TARCOG will only be accepting MONETARY DONATIONS, rather than gifts.

If you are able, please consider making a donation by mailing or taking a check made out to FPC and on the memo line, note that it is for Santa for Seniors.

For more information please visit fpchsv.org and click on the Missions tab.



Sundays- Godly Play Zoom 9:00 am - 9:30 am
 Feasting on the Word Zoom or FH 9:30 am - 10:30 am
 Charles Danner Seminar Zoom or LIB 9:30 am - 10:30 am
 Peepers Sunday School Zoom 10:30 am - 10:45 am
 No Youth Sunday School this week.

No further activities this week due to Thanksgiving.

Please register for the Zoom communities on our website under the Registration section.

Join us for our Live Nativity Drive-Thru on December 13 from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm!



Youth Sunday School via Zoom, Sunday, November 29
 9:30 am - 10:30 am

PYC Sunday, November 29
 All Ages, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm off site

Please contact Anne Dillon Loflin at youth@fpchsv.org with questions or more information.



Worship of the Living God is not confined to one place or time. We encourage you to take this bulletin home and use it to guide you in private moments of worship for the next week.

Discuss: How is Christ calling you to live?

Read:

- Mon. Luke 18:15-30
- Tue. Luke 18:31-43
- Wed. Luke 19:1-10
- Thur. Luke 19:11-27
- Fri. Luke 19:28-40
- Sat. Luke 19:41-48

Pray: Ask God what in your life needs to change.



Music Ministry Schedule for this coming week

Sunday, November 22

- 8:00 am Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 25

No Zoom choir practice

Sunday, November 29

Hanging of the Greens Service

PRAYER LIST

To add a prayer request, please visit our website

To remove a prayer request, please email communications@fpchsv.org

New prayer requests are in bold print

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Dr. Bulger at 256-655-1818

Church Members:

Ginny Bouldin
Chuck Hooker and family
Barbara (Bonny) Morris
Lou Horn
Cay Lambert
Mary Lou Danner

Friends and Family:

Family of John and Barbara Loflin for the death of John's father, Bob Loflin

Family of Janel Bates
Shirley Forbes
Tim Jackson
Tammy Turner - friend of Rick and Sherry Smith
Josh Saliba - nephew of Donna and John Basore
Marcos Servin - brother-in-law of Patricia Hacker
Sean and Halle Jane Neely - for the death of Halle's grandfather, John Wallace
Bill Johnston - husband of Susie Johnston
Calvin Ronald Dahl - nephew of Peggy Galloway
Family of Madelyn Hereford
Caitlin Greiner - granddaughter of Cay Lambert
Richard Lehmer - friend of Janice Fowler
Jack Bolton - grandson of Bill and Miriam Bolton
Laurel Maples and family - friends of George and Eleanor Harsh
Billy H. Wallace - brother of Beverly Wills
John and Maryetta Bitzer - friends of Peggy and Dave Galloway
Family of Pat Golley
Kathy Winfree - sister of Bill Bolton
Pat Richeson - friend of Glen Adams
Stella Fair - sister of David Galloway
Beverlee Leo - mother of Lori Smith
Diana Rose - mother of Serena Neely
Scott Sedlitz - stepson of Annewhite Fuller
Leigh Vincent - friend of Linda and Woodward Howard
Paige Olmo - daughter of Paula Weider
Sean Larkin - friend of Linda Howard and Bryce Connor
Dylan Greiner - son of Cay Lambert
Dale Brown - brother of Doug Brown
Nell Pike - mother of Charlie Pike
Margaret Bruce Walker - friend of Janis Williams
Leigh Steele - goddaughter of David Hatch
Rachel Beard - friend of Tam Bevel

Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:

Marge Sharp (Birmingham)
Dolly Shuey (WBC @ Magnolia Trace)
Jean Walker (Regency)

The Church:

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger and her family
The Rev. Brett Gudeman and his family
First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the Board of Deacons, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff
NAP seminary student Joe Lundy (First, Huntsville).

Military & International:

All those serving in the armed forces; particularly ENS Connor Howard, U.S. Navy Flight School

Our Nation: President Trump and our representatives.

First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries:

Appalachia Service Project (ASP)
Good Samaritans
International Missionary Fellowship (HaitiHospital.org)
The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center
The Presbyterian Home for Children
Second Mile Preschool
The CUP program
Camp Maranatha
Mission Aviation Fellowship

Other Prayers:

Let us pray for all those struggling with health and economic hardship during this pandemic. Let us also pray for communities as they express the deep hurt they feel, as well as for safety and peace for all.

JOURNEY THROUGH BETHLEHEM TO FIND THE CHRIST CHILD

First Presbyterian Church

Live Nativity Drive-Thru

Music by First Presbyterian Church Choir and Huntsville Master Chorale

DECEMBER 13, 2020 | 5:00PM - 6:00PM
ENTER FROM SOUTH END OF LINCOLN ST

Beautiful music will fill the little town of Bethlehem as you journey past the Magi and then the shepherds in their fields, finally through a busy street to find the Christ child lying in a manger.

Travel down Lincoln street to Gates Avenue, then turn into the church parking lot for this wonderful adventure brought to you by our children, youth, volunteers, and wonderful members of our Chancel Choir and the Huntsville Master Chorale.

Save the date! Sunday, December 13 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. An audio recording of the Christmas story read by FPC children and a written guide will be provided before your visit to help prepare you for the experience.

If you would like to help create a feature for our little town of Bethlehem, please let Kathy Gillmore know! A water well, potter's shop, synagogue, simple home, marketplace, village inn, or whatever your imagination can bring to life – all are welcome!

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