

The
PRAYER
that
JESUS
TAUGHT



SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Huntsville, Alabama

WELCOME

MAY 24, 2020

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In Jesus Christ, we are redeemed. We are set free from sin and death and called to live lives of holiness.

Many: **In gratitude for the gift and the call God places upon our lives, let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

In the Garden

GARDEN

*I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

*I'd stay in the garden with him through the night around me be falling,
But the bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may glorify only you.

Let us continue our confession in silence.

Amen.

KYRIE

HOPSON

*Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of Christ I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new. Let us live as those reborn.

Many: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

This is a special time, set apart from our busy lives, to worship God. It is a time to remember that God has claimed us out of God's abundant love and grace and calls us to faithfulness.

Worship is a time to remember who God is: loving, gracious and merciful.
It is also a time to remember who we are: sinners in need of the forgiveness only God can give.

*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

First Lesson

Matthew 6:9-14

"Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

In the Lord's Prayer we are invited into an awareness of the kingdom that knows it's coming as an answer to prayer, acknowledges the daily gifts of God for life, and seeks to have one's own life mirror the blessing of God in forgiving love for the other.

ANTHEM

The Lord's Prayer
Chancel Choir (Virtual Ensemble)

NETTLETON

*Our God who are in heaven, hallow'd be Thy matchless name.
Let Your kingdom reign in heaven; dwell on earth, in us, the same.
Give us Lord this day for worship; give us manna from on high.
Give us bread to serve your kingdom. Lord your name we glorify.*

*Lord, forgive us, free us, love us, grant us wisdom to forgive.
Lead us not into temptation. Grant us grace so we can live.
Evil cannot stand against us. Your deliverance we need.
Bid us, Lord, to one another. We, your church, your love receives.*

*Thine the kingdom, Thine the power, Thine the glory evermore.
Thine all majesty and honor; God, to you, we praise, adore.
You are God, you reign forever. "Sovereign, Holy Lord!" we sing.
Our God, who art in heaven Lord, eternal King of kings.*

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

The theological worldview of 1 Peter: In seeking to understand this letter it is helpful to try to make explicit its author's view of the world in terms of the world's relation to God, because this view is quite different from modern ones. In 1 Peter, the whole world in its temporal or historical existence is seen by the author as (1) God's creation, made in accordance with (2) God's will and purposes, (3) ordered in certain ways by God for creation's own good, and in which (4) God remains active--creating, preserving, providing, sustaining, and judging. In addition, (5) God has acted to save human beings through Jesus Christ, and one day (6) God will bring the created world to its promised end.

SERMON

"The Prayer that Jesus Taught: Holiness"

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

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.

We respond to God's word of forgiveness and love by affirming our faith, offering our resources and singing our praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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 735

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

*I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
 No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
 I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee!
 O bless me now, my Savior I come to Thee!*

*I need Thee every hour, stay thou nearby;
 Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.
 I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee!
 O bless me now, my Savior I come to Thee!*

*I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will,
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior I come to Thee!*

*I need Thee every hour, Most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.
I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior I come to Thee!*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**WORSHIP
LEADERSHIP:**

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

Brett Gudeman,
Associate Pastor

Dr. Patricia Hacker,
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Brian Bulger

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PRAYER LIST

Newest prayer requests are in bold print

To add or remove a prayer request, please contact the Church Office

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

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Brandon Greiner-grandson of Cay Lambert

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Sean Larkin - Friend of Linda Howard and Bryce Connor
Dylan Greiner- Son of Cay Lambert
Pegge Murphy- Friend of FPC PW
Luke Wylie - Mary Darsey's granddaughter's friend
Dale Brown - brother of Doug Brown
Nell Pike - mother of Charlie Pike
Eula Battle - friend of the congregation
Margaret Bruce Walker - Friend of Janis Williams
Leigh Steele - goddaughter of David Hatch
Sean and Joy Conway - friends of Houston Matthews
Derrick Dahl - nephew of Peggy Galloway
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Mitzi Summers - wife of Glen Adams
Christine Steenwyk - daughter-in-law of Al Steenwyk
Camille Vaughan - friend of Tam Bevel
Jerry Pecora - friend of Marian Bevel
Tyler Bevel - friend of Marian Bevel
Elsa de Ramirez - mother of Patricia Hacker

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
Brett Gudeman and 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.

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.

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