



The  
PRAYER  
that  
JESUS  
TAUGHT



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**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

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.

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.**

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*

NETTLETON

Chancel Choir (Virtual Ensemble)

*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."

## SERMON

*"The Prayer that Jesus Taught: Holiness"*

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

**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.

*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

*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,  
Director of Music

Dr. Lois K. Lee,  
Pianist/Organist

Kathy Gillmore, Director of  
Christian Education

Video and Sound  
Mike Hyatt  
Brian Bulger

**Worship resources adapted from:**  
Long, Kimberly; Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1, ©2012  
Westminster John Knox Press  
and from [enterthebible.org](http://enterthebible.org)

## 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.

### **Church Members:**

Lou Horn  
Cay Lambert  
Jan Hooker  
Mary Lou Danner

### **Friends and Family:**

**Brandon Greiner-grandson of Cay Lambert**  
**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  
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  
Rachel Beard - friend of Tam Bevel  
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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