

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

HEBREW 101



SEVEN HEBREW WORDS
EVERY CHRISTIAN
SHOULD KNOW

September 13, 2020

WELCOME

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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
- While we do not have a nursery available at this time, the fellowship hall is available for parents and children should you need it.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those who follow the teaching of the Lord.

Many: **Who walk in the paths of righteousness.**

One: Let us worship our God who loves and leads.

Many: **Let us worship God together!**

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

Although we are separated by distance, the body of Christ still gathers to worship together. May this time of worship be a holy experience for us each.

*Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, giver of all good things, we have failed to live in thanksgiving for the earth, for our families, for neighbors, and for strangers; for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil that grows our food. Forgive us we pray. Teach us to be happy in your steadfast love and to live our lives in gratitude to you.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

KYRIE

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

HOPSON

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved, the Lord is loving, merciful, and just. Therefore, we are forgiven and reconciled to God and to one another, that we might walk in peace and love.

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

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.*

Having confessed our sin, we remember the promises of God's redemption, and the claims God has on all human life. The assurance of God's forgiving grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, God raises us to new life.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST LESSON

Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

You Shall Love the Lord Your God
Chancel Choir Ensemble

DAVIDSON & LUPINSKI

*You shall love the Lord your God
With all your heart and soul and mind and strength:
This is the great commandment,*

*And the second commandment is like it.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments the whole law is based,
and the prophets as well.
Hear, O Israel!
The Lord our God is Lord alone!
Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God
With all your heart and soul and mind and strength.
This is the greatest commandment,
And the second commandment is like it,
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

SECOND LESSON

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Hebrew 101: Shema

The Rev. Dr. Tara Bulger

HYMN 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

*I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.*

*I love thy church, O God.
Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.*

*For her my tears shall fall;
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end.*

*Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways:
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.*

*Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven.*

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.

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 HUNDRETH

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

(Those who are able, please stand.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: We praise you, Lord God, for your history of salvation. We, too, glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Leader: We praise you for Jesus Christ, born of Mary.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: As we remember Christ's baptism, we proclaim that mystery called faith.

People: **Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: We praise you for your Spirit who guides us. And now, with the confidence of his children, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 THE BREAD AND CUP

(Receive and eat the bread. Hold the cup and drink when all have been served.)

In response to the Word, prayers are offered. In these prayers, we acknowledge God's presence in the world and in daily life. We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. God sent Jesus who died for it. God is working to lead the world toward the new future God has planned for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as wide as God's love and as specific as God's tender compassion for the least among us. (From the Common Book of Worship, 1993)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: **Lord God, in deep gratitude for this time of worship, for this meal, and for this church, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as transformed people because we have shared the living bread and we cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, and en-courage many through us. May we each live to your glory, now and forever more, Amen.**

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.*

*Your Word is our salvation,
the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending
your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body;
each member has a part:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.*

*Your Spirit is our teacher,
the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people
into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy,
for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Grace to You
(Virtual Choir)

LLOYD LARSON

POSTLUDE

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

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger,
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The Rev. Brett Gudeman,
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Dr. Patricia Hacker,
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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

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The Church:

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger, and her family
The Rev. 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; 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.

In Memoriam

Madelyn Dees Hereford
January 17, 1928 - September 4, 2020

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