

SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 21, 2021
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Clear the Cluttered Heart: The Lord's Prayer

VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

LENTEN PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

(music attached)

INVITATION TO OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY

REGENT SQUARE

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



Let all who pray the prayer Christ taught
By faith-ful dis - ci - pline pre - pare
First clear the clut-tered heart. Make
An in - ward ho - ly space That
room to breathe the liv - ing thought
when you of - fer Je - sus' prayer
Those well - worn words im - part.
Your heart may fill with grace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 12:46-50

While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, ‘Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.’ But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, ‘Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?’ And pointing to his disciples, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.’

SERMON

“Our Father Who Art in Heaven”

Welcome to Worship!

If you would like to learn more about Spring Hill Presbyterian Church in Mobile, AL, we invite you to visit our website: www.SHPC.us.

Visitors are invited to sign the friendship register in each pew.

All God's children are welcome in worship. Children will stay in the pews with their family for the entirety of the worship service. The Fellowship Hall is available with video feed of the service for families who might need more space to move around.

Hymns & Music: For the safety of all, we will not sing hymns together for in-person worship. We do invite you to locate the hymn text in the bulletin and meditate on it while the cantor sings.

Offering: Offering plates will not be passed but are located at each exit to the building. If you would like to make a contribution to the church online (for one-time or recurring gifts) visit our secure online giving platform at www.shpc.us/giving. You can also make your pledge online at www.SHPC.us/pledge.

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SOLO

“Mothering God”

Tom Trenney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and
threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

*HYMN No. 464

“Our Father, Which Art in Heaven” (music attached online)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION (*please be seated*)

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elizabeth Bemis, Cantor

Dr. Randall Sheets, Director of Music Ministries & Organist

Liam Harper, Audio/Visual Technician

Dr. Anna Fulmer Duke, Associate Pastor

Dr. Buz Wilcoxon, Senior Pastor



The Lord's Prayer and Affirmation of Faith will be spoken by the liturgist. Please pray/affirm the words silently.

At the conclusion of the service, ushers will be present in each aisle to dismiss you from your seat in a safe, orderly fashion (one pew at a time). Please exit the sanctuary through the doors closest to your pew.

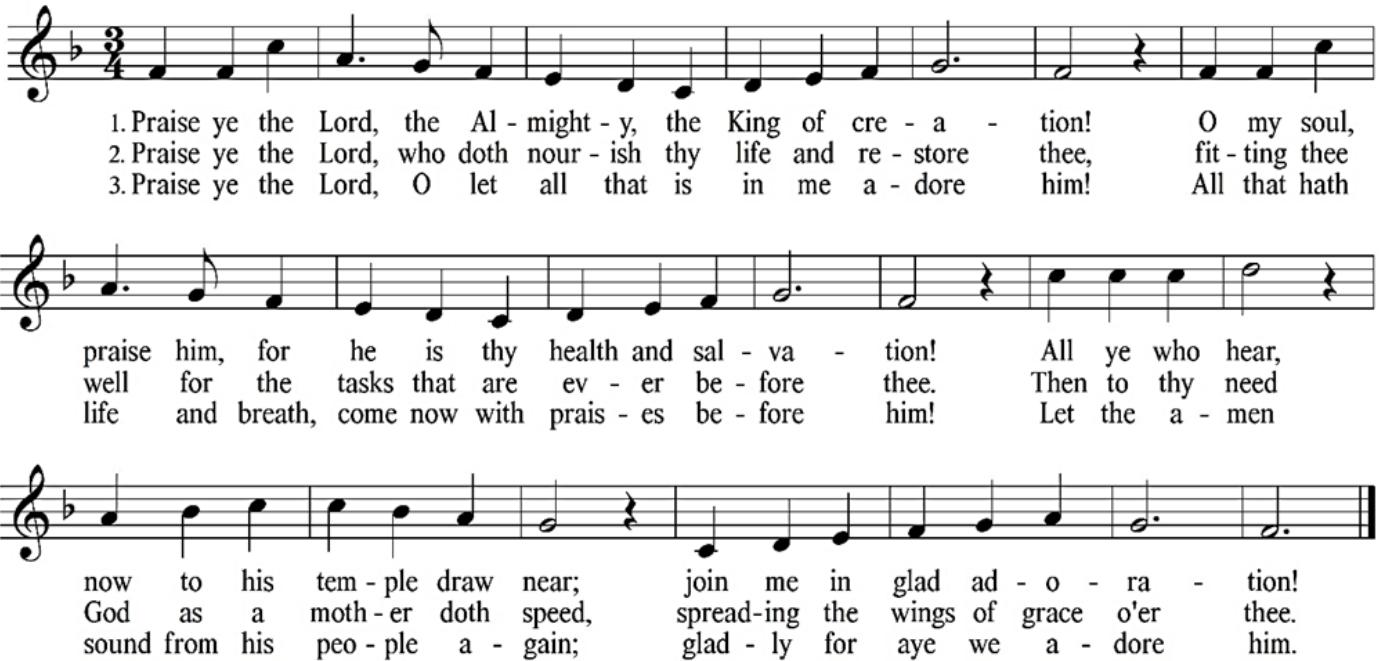
While exiting the church campus, please continue to observe social distancing. Keep masks on and at least a 6-feet distance from other worshipers.

Elizabeth Bemis is our cantor today. While studying at the University of South Alabama, Elizabeth served here at SHPC as a Newberry Singer; since then she has completed a master's degree in Vocal Pedagogy from the Shenandoah Conservatory in Virginia. She has temporarily returned to the area and is teaching virtual voice lessons during the pandemic. We are grateful to Elizabeth for sharing her musical gifts with us today.

“To glorify God and make disciples who witness and serve”

—The Mission Statement of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
2. Praise ye the Lord, who doth nour - ish thy life and re - store thee, fit - ting thee
3. Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath

praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,
well for the tasks that are ev - er be - fore thee. Then to thy need
life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men

now to his tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
God as a moth - er doth speed, spread-ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Lilies will be a part of the sanctuary decorations for worship Easter Sunday, April 4.
The plants will be taken to shut-ins by the Congregational Care Committee in the name of the church following worship. Cost: \$18.00. Please call or email sconnell@springhillpresbyterian.org if you wish to place a memorial for a loved one by helping to decorate the sanctuary. *Deadline is March 22.*

Lent 2021

Clear the Cluttered Heart: The Lord's Prayer

In Lent our worship services on Sundays and Wednesdays (noon) will walk through Lord's Prayer.

Sunday, February 21	"Our Father, Who Art in Heaven"
Wednesday, February 24	"Hallowed Be Thy name"
Sunday, February 28	"Thy Kingdom Come"
Wednesday, March 3	"Thy Will Be Done"
Sunday, March 7	"Give Us This Day"
Wednesday, March 10	"Our Daily Bread"
Sunday, March 14	"Forgive Us Our Debts"
Wednesday, March 17	"As We Forgive Our Debtors"
Sunday, March 21	"Lead Us Not into Temptation"
Wednesday, March 24	"Deliver Us from Evil"
PALM SUNDAY, March 28	"Thine Is the Kingdom & the Power"
Thursday, April 1	<i>MAUNDY THURSDAY</i>
Friday, April 2	<i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>
Sunday, April 4	<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>

