

Morning Worship Service

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

The night is long, O Lord. But the morning breaks upon us, and it is the dawn of your kingdom. We praise you, God. We shout for joy, we leap in delight, we shout again, 'Hurrah!' O God, righteousness abounds in your light, and we prosper by your salvation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Panis Angelicus (O Lord Most Holy)

César Franck

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 36:5-10)

Leader: What is the reach of God's mercy? How firm is the grasp of God's love?

People: God's mercy extends from the depths to the heavens; God's faithfulness surrounds all creation.

Leader: How sturdy is the throne of God established? How wonderful is God's justice?

People: God's rule is like the mighty mountains; God's providence protects every living thing.

Leader: How precious is your loving kindness, O God!

People: In the shadow of your wings we find refuge; at your table we are filled with satisfaction.

Leader: You quench the thirsty soul with living water, O God! Your spirit is a fountain of life.

People: Persist in your steadfast love, gracious God! Rescue the upright, and establish your kingdom!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We cannot claim ignorance of our sins, for we know how we have not lived as God's people. But God refuses to forsake us, waiting to forgive us and call us as God's children. Please join me as we pray, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of all wonder, you are a God of abundance. The psalmist tells us that all people are welcome to feast on the abundance of your house and drink from the river of your delights. You delight in us. In Jesus Christ, you came among common people and delighted them with your abundance once again. You turned gallons of ordinary water into wine, so that the people could celebrate the wedding feast. You take what we have and turn it into more than enough for all.

And yet, God, though we live in your abundance and there is enough for all your people, we confess that throughout your world, people starve by the thousands every day, while other people, including us, feast every day. Throughout this community, people long for someone to delight in them, and they have never been told that someone already does. For those times when we fail to share your abundance, forgive us. For those times when we fail to share the good news of your love and delight with others, forgive us. For Christ's sake we pray, (Pause for reflection and meditation) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: At this very moment, God is building a new relationship with us. God names us a delight and showers us with pardon and peace. We are a forgiven people.

People: Thanks be to God whose love extends to the heavens, whose mercies are without end.

*RESPONSE – No. 579

“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.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Heather Crotwell

ANTHEM

The Ashgrove

arr. Dale Wood

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[John 2:1-11](#)
[I Corinthians 12:1-11](#)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Tasting New Wine

Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

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

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.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praeludium in C Major

Felix Mendelssohn

*Congregation standing as able

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Are you looking for a church home? If so, please speak to our minister following worship.

As a courtesy to those around you, kindly turn off or silence cell phones and personal communication devices.

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Mary and Eldridge May, Wade Spires, and Connie and Travis Taylor.

Nursery care is available for newborns through four-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time.

Both the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. services are live streamed and available for viewing on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) by those unable to be with us this morning. Search *firstprestupelo*. We also invite you to visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

Leading the Worship Service Today: Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson; Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music; Dr. Ray Harris, Organist; Heather Crotwell

Liturgist: 9:00 Trey Leeke; 11:00 Andy Crotwell

Greeters: 9:00 Sam and Pat Agnew; 11:00 Judy Billups, Holly Rogers

After the Children's Sermon, preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to attend "**Wee Kirk.**" This is a time of fun childcare with age appropriate songs and games. However, all children are welcome in worship! If you excuse yourself and your child, you can hear the service over speakers in McFadden Hall (directly behind the Sanctuary).

Please remember to dedicate your offering this morning. Field Thomas made the two beautiful offering plate stands which are in our Narthex. You may dedicate your gift to First Presbyterian Church by placing your offering in one of these plates. Contributions may also be mailed to: FPC, P.O. Box 1725, Tupelo, MS 38802.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC's Interim Search Committee has been meeting and is currently reviewing several candidates for the position of interim pastor. We appreciate your continued prayers as we move through this process together.—
Interim Search Committee Chairman, Kirk Biddle

Friends' Lunch will **not** meet Monday, January 17.

Join our team to assist at Helping Hands Food Pantry next Saturday, January 22, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The team will help stock shelves and bag groceries for neighbors in need. We do this every four weeks. Helping Hands Food Pantry is located at 314 S. Church Street, Tupelo, MS and is an extension of First United Methodist Church of Tupelo. Children are welcome. For more information, contact Rick Jones at rickjones2525@gmail.com or 662-213-1520.

Our Wednesday Night Programs are postponed due to rising Covid cases in our area. The Christian Education committee continues to make Wednesday programming decisions on a week-by-week basis. Updates via email will be forthcoming, or you may call the church office for more information.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatments: Sam Pace, Julie Seiler, Mike Thomas

Homebound: Annette Thornton, Bob Batte, Mike Black

College Students: Ana Morgan Beckham, Ansley Caldwell, Carson Clark

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.: 25 11:00 A.M.: 63

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary and streaming on [YouTube](#)
10:00 A.M. Sunday school
11:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary and streaming on [YouTube](#)
5:30 P.M. Youth

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

Church Office closed, Martin Luther King holiday
2:30 P.M. Mah-Jongg, Library
6:00 P.M. Session Meeting
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Holiday Inn
1:30 A.M. Shepherd's Center Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

12:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

The Session

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride, Moderator
Clerk of the Session, Lisa Nichols

Class of 2022

Steve Bryson
Anne Marie Littrell
Pete McMurry
Mary Pace
Buddy Stubbs
Virginia Tolivar
David Williams

Class of 2023

Kirk Biddle
Susan Boone
Amy Fagan
Mitzi Moore
Aubrey Patterson, Jr.
Grayson Robbins
Debra Robison

Class of 2024

Kim Burleson
Cindy Faucette
Leslie Geoghegan
Michael Gratz, Jr.
Chauncey Godwin
Alice Rogers
Mike Thomas

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