

Morning Worship Service

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

As Christians, we need to be resourceful with the time and energy that we invest in relationships. There will be situations when we speak the Good News, but the other person does not receive it. What do we do then? Do we persist? Or do we shake the dust from our feet?

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* Dale Wood

INTROIT *Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God* Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Take off your shoes!

People: We are standing on holy ground.

Leader: Shake off the dust!

People: We are ready to start afresh.

Leader: Let us worship God and receive Christ's teachings,
that we may be renewed and strengthened
to share God's love with the world.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of Great gifts, we give you these gifts today

knowing that you are the Father of gifts.

You mother us constantly providing for us, caring for us.

As we have been abundantly provided for,
so we give abundantly to the work that you give us to do,
the work of the church, the care for those who are poor.
Accept these gifts in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying...

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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 429 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better,
and then just go on living the same way we always have.

Let this be the moment, when we tell our God of our failures
and faithlessness, so we can go forth to work in that kingdom of grace and hope.

Join me as we pray,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God.

You call us to serve others,

and we stay in the coolness of our own homes.

You would send us to where the hopeless live,

but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency.

You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word,

but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises.

Forgive us, Guiding God.

Transform our defiance into discipleship,

and our rejection of others into the resurrection

of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us,

and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ

to everyone we meet. *(Pause for reflection and meditation)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We open our lips and confess our hearts.

God hears our words and make us new,

sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

We hear the good news, we believe the good news,

we will live out the good news.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

*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 MOMENT

ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 7:18-29

Mark 6:7-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Shaking the Dust Off

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Apostle’s 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

*Congregation standing as able

- Before the service, speak to God.
- During the service, let God speak to you.
- After the service, speak to one another

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

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

MONDAY, JUNE 21

11:30 A.M. Friends' Lunch, Weezie's

4:30 P.M. Mah-Jongg

6:00 P.M. Session Meeting

7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih

7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

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

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please remain seated during the service. We will stand for the Gloria Patri and the hymns but will otherwise stay seated. We strongly recommend remaining masked during worship. Please feel free to hum or sing along during this morning's hymns.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in memory of Perry Thomas, Ruth Bornscheuer, and Edith and P.K. Thomas by Judy Thomas.

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

Nursery care is available for newborns through 4-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time.

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

After the children's sermon, pre-kindergarteners through second graders are invited to attend "**Wee Kirk**" with Heather Crotwell. This is a time of age appropriate lessons, songs, and games intended to prepare our children to fully participate in worship. 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).

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We rejoice in welcoming Sam and Pat Agnew to our church family. They come to us by transfer of letter.

Would you like to be more involved at FPC? Join a committee! We have several, and you are welcome to join any ministry area that you may be interested in. Committees include:

Administrative - David Williams, Chairman, jdwl102@comcast.net

Admin oversees church financials including preparing yearly budgets, managing expenditures, and implementing stewardship opportunities yearly. Disbursements from endowment funds and church benevolences are managed. Church personnel are guided and evaluated yearly.

Christian Education - Pete McMurry, Chairman, kk.aycock@gmail.com

CE works with the Director of Christian Education to plan and implement educational opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages by overseeing Nursery, planning for Sunday School and Faithbuilders, working with Youth Director for youth programs, regularly initiating Bible studies, and planning activities for younger children.

Congregational Care - Anne Marie Littrell, Chairman, amlittrell79@gmail.com

This group works with the Parish Associate for Pastoral Care to minister and care for all ages in the congregation with attention to new members, homebound members, and families and persons during times of sickness and bereavement. Opportunities such as bridal showers and baby showers are organized, as well as special group activities.

Fellowship - Steve Bryson, Chairman, sdb137@msn.com

Fellowship organizes and implements programs of Christian fellowship for all ages of the congregation, providing opportunities to socialize, to become better acquainted with each other, and to nurture friendships within the church. This group plans church meals and a variety of social events throughout the year for the congregation.

Mission and Outreach - Mary Pace, Chairman, marypace@comcast.net

Volunteers initiate and oversee “hands on” mission opportunities in the local community and beyond including the Guatemala and Cuba Water Mission trips through Living Waters for the World. Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Helping Hands Food Pantry, and other local agencies are supported with volunteer service.

Property and Grounds - Buddy Stubbs, Chairman, buddy@busylad.com

P & G maintains and oversees the upkeep and improvements of the church facilities and grounds including building repairs, lighting, fire protection, landscaping, and safety. The FPC Building Superintendent regularly informs the group of any specific property needs.

Worship - Virginia Toliver, Chairman, vdtoliver@sbcglobal.net

Worship oversees and supports all worship opportunities at FPC assisting the Pastor, Director of Music, and Organist in planning regular Sunday worship services along with any special services during the year. The Flower Guild and The Chancel Guild function through this committee.

We need you! Now that in-person services have resumed, we need greeters and ushers for both the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. services each Sunday. Please contact Beth Anne Ellzey at 662-312-1198 if you are interested in serving our church in this way.

Interested in a 10-day Switzerland and Germany tour, including the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau? We have 18 spots reserved for this trip, which will be June 1-10, 2022. Eleven spots are already taken! Contact Olin for more information: olinmcbride@firstprestupelo.org.

2021 Member Directories may be picked up in the church office or in the breezeway anytime between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday.

Would you like to receive our weekly email newsletter? If you are not receiving it and would like to, please contact the church office at 662-842-5681 or email churchsecretary@firstprestupelo.org.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatments: Aimee McDonald Burrow, Julie Seiler

Homebound: Annette Thornton, Bobby Carsten, Betty Nash

College Students: George Seiler, Henry Seiler, Ivy Wells

Weekly Budget: \$16,960

Amount Received 6/13/21: \$5,922

YTD Budgeted Income: \$437,760

YTD Income Received: \$457,992

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

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride, Pastor; Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care

Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education

Heather Crotwell, Children's Church Director

Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music

Dr. Ray Harris, Organist

Seth Shelnut, Audio/Visual Technician

Danielle Frerer Ratliff, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs

Nannette Comer, Church Librarian

Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian

Helen Curtis, Church Secretary

Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary

Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent

Joyce Richardson, Housekeeper

Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

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