

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 CONFESSON

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 CONFESSON (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'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Are you looking for a church home? If so, please contact our minister or the church office at 662-842-5681.

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.

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

Liturgist: Virginia Toliver

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

From the Worship Committee: Out of a concern for the safety of our congregation, and after consultation with other church leaders, we made the decision to cancel in-person worship services today and go to a "virtual platform only" for both services. We are very concerned about transmission of coronavirus and want to minimize your risk of exposure to this highly contagious virus. Your safety is our primary concern, and we feel that this action is in the best interest of all. We will have further discussion regarding worship at the Session meeting on Monday, January 17, and we will keep you updated via congregational emails. Please stay safe. - Virginia Toliver, Worship Chair

An Update Regarding the Church Office: There are multiple employee family Covid cases in the church office, and we have just learned of one employee's positive covid diagnosis. If you have been in the office this week or worked around any church employee(s), you need to know this for your personal safety, and you should respond to testing accordingly. If there are further updates on this, we will be sure to contact you. Thank you for your concern and prayers as we go forward.

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, streaming on [YouTube](#)

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MONDAY, JANUARY 17

Church Office closed, Martin Luther King holiday

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Church Office closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

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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

Debbie Merritt, Receptionist

Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent

Joyce Richardson, Housekeeper

Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Tune: NETTLETON, opposite.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heavn, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy low - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less

earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion

All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 New - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in These; Changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing. Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, Em - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in - Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Alternate tune: BECHER, 343