



First Presbyterian Church, Tupelo, Mississippi  
Morning Worship Service

May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

*It's Memorial Day Weekend! As you pause to "pay your respects" to those who gave their lives for our country, we're glad that you also took the time to "pay your respects" to Him who gave His life on the cross for your eternal salvation!*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach

**WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**INTROIT**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Dr. Jerri Lamar Kantack

Irish Ballad

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We would be perfectly happy if our path were faultless, if we were always in step with God.

People: **This is my commandment: That you love one another.**

Leader: God has given us commandments that we may live as effectively as possible. With our eyes fixed on doing the right thing, we shall never be put to shame.

People: **You are to love one another in the same way as I have loved you.**

Leader: O Lord, touch our lips with your saving grace,

People: **that our lives may declare your praise!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE No. 551**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

How easy we can learn of God's love - how hard it is to live it! The world distracts us with its easy choices, while we know how intentional we must be to love one another. Join me as we confess our failures to love and we open our hearts to God, saying,

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, and the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not within us. You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and lives within us, O God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love (*Pause for reflection and meditation*). Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The Word which can transform is not some idle gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.

People: **In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## TIME WITH OUR YOUTH

### ANTHEM

*Give Thanks*

Frances Williams

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:28-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

What Do You Think?

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

### 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.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

**The Flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Marion McCaskill, Tot and Gaines Moore, and Maude Waters.

**TV Broadcast of the Service** is the following week on Christian Network Television at 9:00 a.m. Sunday; and at 8:00 p.m. Monday on Channel 4 Comcast, Channel 49 Dish and antennae, and Channel 20 MaxSouth. Service is also streaming on YouTube.com. Search *first pres tupelo*.

### PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

**Cancer Treatments:** Judy Armentrout, Aimee McDonald Burrow, Bill Deas, Jackie Haguewood, Julie Seiler

**Homebound:** Mary Evelyn Maxwell, Claudia Neelly, Sarah Parker

**College Students:** Cooper Moore, John Hewitt Parker, Andrew Ray

**Continued prayer for:** Greg Burks, whose father recently passed away; Andy Crotwell, who had laser eye surgery and is home recovering; Jim Nichols' sister, Margaret (Penny) Nichols, who is at Sanctuary Hospice; Bobby Dale, who is home improving from a stroke; Mildred Grubbs, who recently had a fall and is recovering at home; Corey Littrell's mother; Melonie Counce's mother, Brenda McCarley; Kathryn Martin, who is home following back surgery; Parris McBride, following heart procedure; and Bill Deas, who is home following a visit to NMMC.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A special thanks to our outgoing Elders of the Class of 2020:** Travis Abney, David Carlisle, Vivian Fleming, Julie Gibens, Toni Martin, Rud Robison, and Chris Rogers, as well as our Clerk, Cindy Faucette.

**First Presbyterian Church's Reset Task Force members are:** Richard Hastings, chairman; Sally Kate Collins, Ann Godwin, Kristi Hillhouse, Jim McBride, Melissa McDuffie, Mary Pace, Glenn Thomas, David Williams, and Joel Zimmerman.

**Volunteers who have helped distribute the Tupelo Public School District lunches are:** Travis and Gay Abney, David Carlisle, Julie Gibens, Ann Godwin, Richard Hastings, Kristi Hillhouse, Jim McBride, Mitzi Moore, Mary Pace, Holly Rogers, and Joel Zimmerman.

**FPC's office will be closed on Monday for Memorial Day. We will reopen at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 26.**

**Pentecost Sunday is May 31.**

**We will have drive-thru communion on Sunday, June 7. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.**

**The Installation Service for new officers is Sunday, June 7.**

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Weekly Budget \$16,960

YTD Income Received \$450,280

YTD Budgeted Income \$367,476

Amount Received 5/17/20 \$17,456