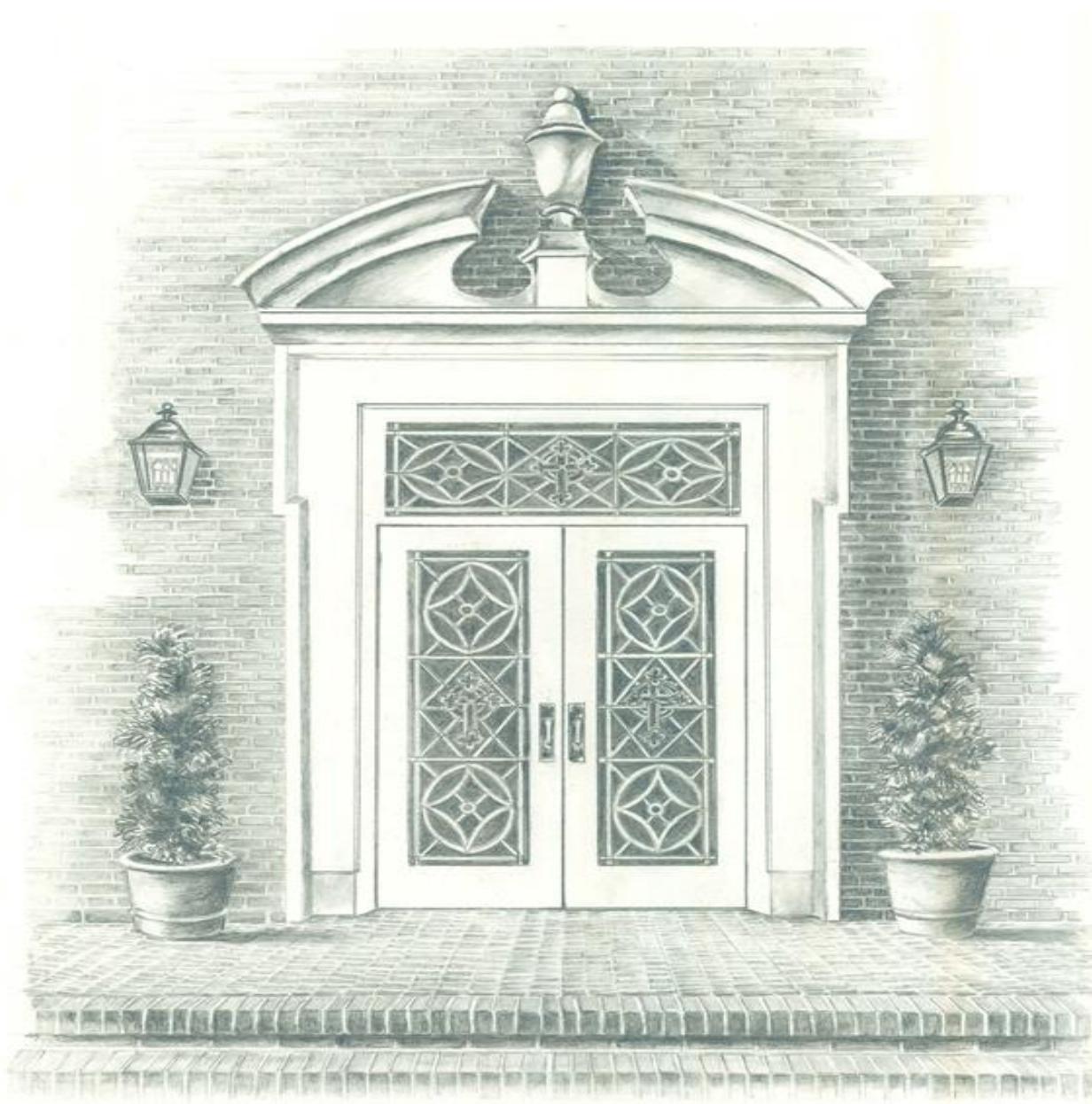


Southminster Presbyterian Church



“Welcome one another, as Christ has welcomed you.”
Romans 15:7

1124 Montgomery Hwy.
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
Telephone: (205) 822-1124
Fax: (205) 822-6739

Email: southmin@bellsouth.net
Website: www.southminsterpcusa.org

**BEGINNING THE WEEK ON A MOUNTAINTOP WITH GOD
THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

OCTOBER 17, 2021

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

Brad Hall

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Molly Heisler

One: Welcome! There are many places you could be this morning, but you have chosen to be here:

Many: where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.

One: Welcome to this place - full of music, of words, of prayer – yet also filled with danger:

Many: where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.

One: Welcome to God's House:

Many: where we talk about God and with God and hear the call to discipleship.

HYMN NO. 320

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

WAREHAM

*The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.*

*Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.*

*For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.*

*We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, with out reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.*

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Molly Heisler

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (*Unison*)

Creation's Heart, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor. Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples.

SILENT CONFESSON

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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.*

THE PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

*Pastor: ...The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.*

(The people may greet one another in peace.)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Molly Heisler

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Unison: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Offertory"

John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man: He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly,
walk humbly with your God?*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Robert Newman

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

TIME OF DEDICATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN NO. 175

"Seek Ye First"

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*

*You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

All join the Pastor in saying, "***Alleluia! Amen.***"

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

AMEN (Schubert)

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Paul Taylor

Prayer Concerns

- Beverly Brasell's mother, **Marie Brasell**, now home from the hospital for improved health
- Nany Deerman asks prayers for **Chris Kilburn and family at the loss of wife and mother, Melissa Kilburn**
- **Tom Winter** as he begins a new cancer treatment

Announcements

Children's Bulletins and Large Print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the narthex.

Sunday School Classes for all ages, 9:15 AM.

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given by Larry and Gail Hardin to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son Chris Hardin on his birthday, which is tomorrow.

Dedication Sunday is celebrated today. All are invited to come forward, pew by pew, to place their pledge cards and/or offering in the basket in front of the Lords' Table. You are welcome to come forward and not place anything in the basket as a sign of the offering of your time and talents to Jesus Christ. Additional pledge cards are available in the narthex.

BYG does not meet tonight. We will gather next week, October 24th, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at Edgewood Presbyterian. We will take a van from here and return immediately following youth group, in time for Camp Fire Church.

Join us for Campfire Church tonight around the fire pit on the north field. The fire will start about 5:30 with worship beginning at 6:00. We hope you will come and worship with us and enjoy a time of song, prayer, and reflection. Bring a lawn chair ... and enjoy a S'more!

We are less than a week away!!!! The **Southminster Scamper** will take place Saturday, October 23rd from 9:00 to 12:00. Even if you aren't running, we hope you will stop by and take advantage of the vendors that will be here with candles, jewelry, baked goods ... and more! This will be a lot of fun and the weather should be fantastic so we hope you will join us!!

Volunteers needed for the Southminster Scamper! Come enjoy a beautiful Saturday morning and assist us with handing out water to runners (and cleaning up discarded cups) at half-way point (Mr. Bill Farrar's house) , halfway point and finish line help for the Kids Fun Run, and helping at the Kids Craft/First Aid/Raffle Booth (you can take a rotation so you can enjoy the vendors too), set up or clean up, etc. Contact Sara Brown if available, saracbrown2181@gmail.com.

For our last campfire vesper service at **Living River** we share communion, followed by a candle lighting. The song, *It Only Takes a Spark to Get a Fire Going*, is usually sung. The line, "That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it, you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on," is especially meaningful as we near the end of a camp season.

Mark your calendar for our Kirkin' of the Tartan Service which will be held on Sunday, October 31st outside in front of the sanctuary. Bring your lawn chair and join with friends from Shades Valley as we celebrate our Scottish heritage. The service will be livestreamed. Immediately following the service we will participate in some Highland Games on the upper field!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 17TH – OCTOBER 24TH

Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 AM	The Service for the Lord's Day – Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Youth Leadership Team Meeting – Grace Hall
	5:30 PM	Campfire Church – Upper Field
Monday	5:30 PM	Day School Board Called Meeting
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Rotary Meeting – Grace Hall
Thursday	10:00 AM	Bible Study led by Margaret Northern – Grace Hall
Friday	9:00 AM	Day School Chapel – Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Encore Meeting – Grace Hall
Saturday	9:00 AM	Southminster Scamper!!
Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 AM	The Service for the Lord's Day – Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	Animal Blessing – Upper Parking Lot
	4:00 PM	BYG Meeting – Edgewood Presbyterian
	5:30 PM	Campfire Church – Upper Field