

Morning Worship Service

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

The parable of the Good Samaritan offers a vision of life rather than death. It evokes 2 Chronicles 28, which recounts how the prophet Oded convinced the Samaritans to aid their Judean captives. It insists that enemies can prove to be neighbors, that compassion has no boundaries, and that judging people on the basis of their religion or ethnicity will leave us dying in a ditch.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Chorale on "Canonbury"* Alice Jordan

INTROIT *Festival Piece on "St. Anne"* Eugene Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7)

Jesus offers a new-old commandment, that we should love each other.

With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God's love for us

we can, we must, love one another. And it is in this, our love for one another,

that the world will know whom and what we worship. Come, children of God, let us love one another.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Draw us today into fresh encounters with Jesus, O God.

Make us a servant of love

so that others may know how much You love them

and we may know how much You love us.

Let us not be afraid of new pastures,

whether they be green or brown or parched.

And as we pass through whatever the day's valleys,

keep our heads lifted up to the mountain,

from whence our help comes.

Never let us forget the people Jesus welcomed...

the greedy and the great,

the bad and the good,

the respected and the cheats.

Even as the world becomes more callous and chaotic,

may we never underestimate Your capacity

to fashion the miraculous from the monstrous,

even to make us a choice masterpiece

from the mire and the clay. We pray these things

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: We've tried to stop, haven't we? All the foolishness which causes us to stumble, all the mistakes which hurt others, all the words of peace we might speak, but don't. Let us join our voices as we open our souls to that tender Heart who longs to forgive us, praying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

People: **When sin and death hover around us, like famished vultures, you fill us with new strength so they cannot feed on us; when our bitterness clamps tight around our hearts with its steel-like teeth, you pry us loose with your scarred hands so we might walk in faith with you; when we stack our hurts one on top of another, like kindling wood, ready to set the match of our anger to the pile, you pour your spirit of forgiveness upon them, until they are soaked so thoroughly, nothing can ignite them. Our help, our hope, our life, our peace are truly found in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (Pause for reflection and meditation) Amen!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is this:
God loves the world so much as to make it a fit place to live;
God loves us so much as to reshape us into people of faith.

People: **Like a cup of cold water, forgiveness revives us, restores us, gives us new life. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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.

ANTHEM

Jesus is All the World to Me

arr. Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

What Ever Happened to Civility?

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR CIVILITY

*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.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*BENEDICTION

*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, JULY 18

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. Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, JULY 19

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, JULY 20

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

11:00 A.M. Chancel Guild Meeting, Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JULY 22

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Holiday Inn

FRIDAY, JULY 23

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

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.

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.

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).

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in memory of John Castles, J.B. and Alice Cobb, and Joe Rutherford.

Please remember to dedicate your offering this morning. The offering plates are located in the Narthex. Contributions may also be mailed to: FPC, P.O. Box 1725, Tupelo, MS 38802.

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*. We also invite you to visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendar! FPC's **Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event** takes place in the gym on Wednesday, August 25. We will have a delicious barbecue meal provided by Kyle Rogers and his award-winning BBQ team at 5:30 P.M. and then begin the meal packing event. This will be the kickoff for our Wednesday night fall programming for all ages. More information to come!

Other Important Dates: Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sunday, August 1. Rally Day will be Sunday, August 8. More information to come!

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet today in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 P.M.

The Congregational Care Committee is missing an iron stand that holds a bucket that we use for water for funeral visitations. If you have borrowed this stand or know where it is, please contact the church office or Vivian Fleming.

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. Contact Olin for more information: olinmcbride@firstprestupelo.org.

The FPC Men's Breakfast Group meets at 7:30 A.M. each Thursday at the Holiday Inn. Join us for fellowship to start off your morning! Call the church office or contact Tom Hewitt (tomhewitt47@gmail.com) or Travis Abney (tgabney@bellsouth.net) for more information.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Please keep our Senior High students and chaperones in your prayers as they go to Montreat Youth Conference this week. Students include: Ana Morgan Beckham, Afton Gable, Lindley Gibens, Maggie Gibens, Walker Gibens, Tyler Goad, Charlie Gratz, Lucy Gratz, Olivia Hastings, Lewis Herman, Maggie Jarrett, Wilkes Jarrett, Magalie Martin, Isabella Posey, Kailan Reynolds, Olivia Reynolds, Walt Rose, Lilee Rose, Jenkins Wells, and Nathan Houser, and Carter & Emma McDuffie. Adults on the trip include Carson Clark, Ben Gibens, Julie Gibens, Lori Dickerson, George Seiler, and Melissa McDuffie.

Cancer Treatments: Aimee McDonald Burrow, Julie Seiler

Homebound: Faye Moreland, Betty Nash, Claudia Neelly

College Students: Walker Gibens, Tyler Goad, Reid Hardison

The Session

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

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Pete McMurry
Mary Pace
Buddy Stubbs
Virginia Tolivar
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