

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LEWISBURG, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

Eleven O'clock

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

CHIMING OF THE HOUR *Let us prepare ourselves for worship*

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on "Down Ampney"* (Douglas Wagner)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist/Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Robert Montgomery, Pastor

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY, congregation in bold) *from Psalm 139*

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the night is as bright as the day to you, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

*SILENT MEDITATION ON THE LYRICS: *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"* Hymn #804

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

O God, we thank you, that when we are tired and burdened, you call us to come to you and receive your rest. O Jesus Christ, we thank you, that when we have sinned, you seek us and bring us back to you. O Holy Spirit, we thank you, that you dwell within us and never abandon us, even when we have grieved you terribly.

Hear our prayer that in your deep faithfulness, you may have mercy on us sinners and forgive us. Send us home justified in your sight, not by anything in us, but because of the great love you have for human beings in Jesus Christ. Teach us to love, for love still covers a multitude of sins. We thank you that your love covers our sins, now and forever. Amen.

(Time for Silent Prayer and Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*"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."*

*GLORIA PATRI (INSTRUMENTAL)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* (arr. Phillip Keveren)

SCRIPTURE READING: **Genesis 28: 10-19**

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and

the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Beth'el;

Response after the Reading: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READING: **Romans 8: 12-25**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

*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.*

*SILENT MEDITATION ON THE LYRICS:

"God of the Fertile Fields"

Hymn #714

PASTORAL PRAYER, CONCLUDING WITH 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY: *Thank You for your continued donations to this church in the collection plates at each door or through the mail.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***THE DOXOLOGY (INSTRUMENTAL)**

No. 592

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

“Song for All Saints”

(Mary McDonald)

**The congregation is asked to stand together, as each is able.*

On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers:

Family of Nancy Crowder (Ken’s mother) • Family of Bobby Chaffin (Kathryn Hawkins’ father) • Our Village Manor and at-home members • Lois Purcell • Joe B. Brandon • Carolana Callaway • Barbara Wright • Family of Ernest Henegar • Family of Brad Bradley, especially Nancy • Family of Richard McBride (Dina’s brother-in-law) • McDaniel Family (Phyllis’ death) • Phillips Family (cancer/relatives of LuAnne Crocker) • Margaret Haynes (friend of the Cobles) • Drew Davidson (broken hip) • Stephanie Webster (McLains’ daughter) • Sammie Fox • Melissa Eason • Suzanne Porter (Joe B’s sister) • Stacy Harris (Joy Davis’ friend) • Janet Franklin • Patti McGilton (Joe B’s niece) • David Bean (Emily K’s brother) • Adam Perryman • Tyler Lagasse • Deborah Hunter • Joan Hooten • Ed Lambert • The Healing of our World and Country • Front-Line healthcare workers

July Birthdays: Kathryn Hawkins- 9 • Thomas Hawkins- 10 • Anne Brandon- 11 • Carson Coble- 15 • Billy Coble- 17 • Tanya Moss-19 • Love Smith- 19 • Sophie Smith- 22 • May Tansey- 29

July Anniversaries: Billy and Marsha Coble- 2 • Tommy and Betsy Leonard-31

Announcements and Reminders

Updates from the Session This past Monday, the session reviewed our current schedule and procedures during the COVID19 pandemic. They confirmed that we will continue to ask everyone to wear masks while in the church building, and all kids’ activities will continue to be suspended for now. However, the session decided now to offer the adult Sunday School at 10 AM for those who would like to attend in person. The class will meet in the old fellowship hall, and everyone will be asked to wear masks and scatter out across the room as much as possible to maintain social distancing. We will also explore offering the Wed PM class via Zoom conferencing.

Scholarships Normally, July would be the month that we would honor our kids headed back to college and make our annual scholarship presentations. This is obviously not a normal year, so we will be hand-delivering scholarships to this year to Tyler and Cooper Moorehead, Annie Haynes, Chelsea Coble and Hutton Foster.

Financial Reports for June are on the front pews on either side of the sanctuary, if you would like to pick one up, or we will gladly mail or email you one. The church’s finances have remained stable this year, thanks to everyone’s generosity.

Donations to Help Others: Based on everyone’s generosity and some returns on our investment funds, the session voted to send \$5,000 as a one-time donation to HOPEtown to help with rent and utilities during these tough times, as well as \$4,000 to the presbytery to help churches that our struggling financially because of the pandemic. Thank you to everyone for making it possible for us to send help to those around us!

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