

## Service for the Lord's Day

Eleven O'clock

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*Let us prepare ourselves for worship*

PRELUDE

"Duo in G"

(John Dixon)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist/Pianist  
Robert Montgomery, Pastor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 85*

God's salvation is near at hand for those who seek the LORD,

**Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;**

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,**

And righteousness will look down from the sky.

HYMN SOLO:

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Hymn #610

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

**O Lord, we seek you and ask your forgiveness that we may devote our attention to the needs of others rather than dragging our guilt behind us.**

You know that we fall short in so many ways and that we tend to think of doing something big to reassure ourselves and to demonstrate our faith to you.

**But it is most often in the "small moments" of decision that we fail you, in how we treat others and think about them in our minds.**

Then we grow accustomed to focusing only on ourselves and seeing the lives and troubles of others as less important than our own.

**Rather than seeing them as people for us to respect and honor in your name, we see them as problems to avoid, or even worse, as enemies to hate.**

O God, heal our hearts and minds. Rule over our lives. Have mercy on us, and lead us forward as grateful disciples and friends of Jesus Christ, for he left all on our behalf that we might share in all the riches of his life, now and forever. Amen.

*(Time for Silent Prayer and Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI (SOLO)

*"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."*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PIANO SOLO

"Day by Day"

(arr. Jonathan Reed)

SCRIPTURE READING:

**Genesis 37: 1-4, 12 - 28**

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.

This is the story of the family of Jacob: Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at She'chem? Come, I will send you to them."

He answered, "Here I am."

So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." [...]

So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.

They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"--that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.

Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh."

And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ish'maelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

*Response after the Reading:* Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Love Smith

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING:

**Romans 10: 5-10**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "*the person who does these things will live by them.*" But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, "*Who will ascend into heaven?*" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or "*Who will descend into the abyss?*" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? "*The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart*" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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.*

HYMN SOLO:

"How Firm a Foundation"

Hymn #463

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

\*THE DOXOLOGY (SOLO)

No. 592

*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.*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

*"Fantasia in C"*

(G.F. Handel)

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

### On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers:

D.J. Gould (Denise Foster's mother) • Family of Waverley Duning • Family of Nancy Crowder (Ken's mother) • Family of Bobby Chaffin (Kathryn Hawkins' father) • Family of Gloria Boyd • Jimmy Goodman • Our Village Manor and at-home members • Lois Purcell • Joe B. Brandon • Carolana Callaway • Barbara Wright • Robert Wright (Bruce's brother/cancer) • 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) • Sammie Fox • Melissa Eason • Suzanne Porter (Joe B's sister) • Stacy Harris (Joy Davis' friend) • Janet Franklin • Patti McGilton (Joe B's niece) • Adam Perryman • Deborah Hunter • Joan Hooten • Ed Lambert • Front-Line healthcare workers • School students, teachers and staff • Refuge Ministries' programs in Sierra Leone and Africa

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**August Birthdays:** Kerri (Talley) Love- 3 • Annie Haynes- 8 • Tommy Harris- 15 • Beverly McLain-26 • Linda Crowder- 28 • Hutton Brandon-31

**August Anniversaries:** Steve and Mary Ann Haynes -22 • Pam and Ed White -26

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### Announcements and Reminders

**Session Meeting Tomorrow Night, 5:30 PM** Session members can find reports in their mailboxes.

**School Supplies Needed** It is time for our annual drive to collect backpacks, paper, pencils and other supplies. You can drop them off at the church Monday-Wednesday, 8 AM to 4:00 PM. Call first to confirm that someone will be in the office on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Dear First Presbyterian Church:** "I greatly appreciate the \$1,000 scholarship you have given me. The money will greatly assist me and my family as we try to pay for books, classes, electronics, etc. God bless the church and our surrounding community. Many blessings to you all." -Cooper Moorehead

**Sunday School Classes** are now meeting in-person. The "library class" is now meeting in the old fellowship hall, and that class is available on WebEx at 10 AM. The "new" adult class led by Darrick Gatlin is meeting in the McMillion-Lawrie Building at 9:45 AM. Masks and social distancing are requested of all attending.

**Pregnancy Center Baby Bottles** are available in the front and back of the sanctuary for donations.

**Thank You** to Robert Neumeyer, Melody Spence and Nick Phillips for serving as our soloists the last few weeks.

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