

Service for the Lord's Day

Eleven O'clock

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Let us prepare ourselves for worship

PRELUDE

"Undulato"

(Richard Purvis)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist/Pianist

Robert Montgomery, Pastor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Romans 11:33-36

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments! His ways so far beyond all human comprehension!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

"Or who has given a gift to him, so that God must repay him a debt in return?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever.

Amen.

HYMN SOLO:

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Hymn #14

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Romans 12: 1-8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O God, our lives are in your hands, but we are quick to forget it. We let our anxieties and our frustrations dictate our attitudes and decisions, and we often simply react rather than faithfully responding. We see the problems in our lives and the problems in the world, and we let our fears and our frustrations replace the faith and love we could offer. O God, we confess that we want things to be easy for us and to be free from the troubles of others. But it is only because you loved us first that we have been so blessed. We ask you to renew us as disciples of Jesus and to free us from all that blocks the work of your Holy Spirit in us and through us. Let your will for us and this world be fully accomplished, now and forever.

(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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

(Arr. Jonathan Reed)

SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 1: 8- 2: 10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. [...] But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one who was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous

and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. Because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 16: 13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SERMON *"What Will People Think?"*

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: *"In Christ There is No East or West"* **Hymn #318**

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.*

*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

*"Recessional"**(Robert Powell)*

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

On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers:

Family of Alice Higgins (Tom Leonard's sister) • Family of D.J. Gould (Denise Foster's mother) • Family of Waverley Duning • Family of Bobby Chaffin (Kathryn Hawkins' father) • Jimmy Goodman • Our Village Manor and at-home members • Lois Purcell • Joe B. Brandon • Carolana Callaway • Barbara Wright • Robert Wright (Bruce's brother/cancer) • 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 • Students, teachers and staff • Refuge Ministries' programs in Sierra Leone and Africa

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

Announcements and Reminders

"Tissues for Teachers" We continue to collect school supplies of any kind, but we are now making a special effort to collect boxes of tissues, paper towels and disinfectant wipes, so that teachers will not have to buy those for their classrooms with their own money. Boxes of tissues are best, if you can help out.

Our Services Are Now on Facebook Thanks to the technology upgrades that Jason Hutton has helped us make, our service is now being posted to Facebook about 10 minutes after our service concludes each Sunday. Plans also include posting to our YouTube channel soon, which you can find by searching for "First Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, TN." You'll see that there is already music from our choir members posted there.

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

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.

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