

Service for the Lord's Day

Eleven O'clock

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

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

PRELUDE *"Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer"* (arr. May Lawrence)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist/Pianist
Robert Montgomery, Pastor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE) *from Psalm 95*

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

HYMN SOLO: *"Christ Be Beside Me"* Hymn #702

CALL TO CONFESSION: **Romans 13: 8-14**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God, our Father, we are thankful that because of your forgiveness, the past never has the last word. Forgive us for being satisfied with half-hearted efforts to do your will. Forgive us for smiling at injustice, for harboring prejudices against those who in some way or another differ from us. Forgive us for caring about the wrong things and for having no concern for things that should actually concern us. Lift us above our failures. Today help us begin to live as people who have begun again through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: **Exodus 12: 1-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

"Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

"This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.

"For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in

the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 18: 15-20

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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:

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Hymn #306

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.* **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.* **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: O God, we do praise and thank you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and all those of every time and place who love you and forever sing to the glory of your name,

ALL: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

(The Prayer continues. concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison)

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP (Pre-Packaged Communion in the Pews)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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:

"The Call of the Trumpets"

(Henry Purcell)

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

On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers:

Family of Alice Leonard Higgins (Tommy Leonard's sister) • Family of D.J. Gould (Denise Foster's mother) • Family of Clinton "Pat" Beatty • Family of Bobby Chaffin (Kathryn Hawkins' father) • 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 • Millie Williams

September Birthdays: John Morgan Thomas-3 • Bill Lawrie-6 • Morgan Thomas-8 • Mary Ann Clift-12 • C. J. Coble-17 • Joe B. Brandon-17 • Carolana Callaway-20 • Annette Lawrie-21 • Steve Haynes-22 • Brady Phillips-24 • Hale Hawkins-24 • Becky Coble-25 • Andy Atkins-27 **September Anniversary:** Mike and Melody Spence -9

Announcements and Reminders

Communion This Morning We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together this morning during our worship service.

Our Services Are Now on Facebook and YouTube Our service is now being posted to Facebook and YouTube about 10 minutes after our service concludes each Sunday. You can find us by searching for "First Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, TN."

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.

Sunday, September 20 A Time of Remembrance During our worship service on Sunday, September 20, we will have a time of remembrance for those who have died during 2020, especially those who died during the pandemic when it was so difficult or impossible to hold funeral and memorial services. Please send us the names of anyone whose name you would like added to the list of those we will read during our worship. If you would like to send us a note about the person, or their obituary, we will post those on the main bulletin board in the hallway outside the sanctuary. There are so many in our church and surrounding community whose lives have been touched by grief during the last several months.

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study by Zoom Starting September 16 Starting next Sunday, we will post the information on how to join.