



First Presbyterian Church
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Service for the Lord's Day

Eleven O'clock

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

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

PRELUDE: "Siciliano" (Robert Powell)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist and Pianist

Robert Montgomery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

from Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" # 310

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O God, with what shall we come before you to seek your face and to be reassured of our relationship with you? All things are yours, and whatever we have to offer you is yours already, even when we forget that truth.

Just as we are tempted to call your blessings our possessions and think of them as ours alone, we treasure our own opinions and actions so much that we forget that it is actually what you say and do that gives us our very existence. Forgive us for being so self-centered so much of the time, O God. Help us to remember and hear the words of Jesus each day. With nothing but our confidence in your mercy and grace in Jesus Christ, we now offer our lives to your judgment and for the fulfillment of your will. Remove from within us everything that works against your Holy Spirit, and fill us afresh with joy in seeking to walk in the pathway of Jesus each day. Here we are, O Lord. We look to you for the future of our lives from this day forward. Amen.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA PATRI (CONGREGATIONAL)**

**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: "A Resting Place" (Jay Rouse)

SCRIPTURE READING: **Mark 4: 26-34**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Choir
Robert Neumeayer, Director

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-18

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (UNISON)

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.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

“How Firm a Foundation”

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PASTORAL PRAYER, 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY *Thank you for your contributions to our church through the collection plates at the front and back of the sanctuary and through the mail.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE DOXOLOGY

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*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:

“Prelude in F Major”

(J.S. Bach)

On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers

Mary Ann Clift • Family of Willie L. Malone (Bev McLain's brother) • Family of Harry Lee Billington (May Tansey's mother) • Family of Deland Meadows (Serene's father) • Ken Crowder (back) • Lawrence Moorehead (Hugh's father) • Judy Horton (Becky Coble's mother) • Family of Ross Brown • Carolana Callaway • Nancy Bradley • Micah McClendon • Joe B. Brandon • Suzanne Porter (Joe B's sister) • Stacy Harris • Janet Franklin • Patti McGilton (Joe B's niece) • Adam Perryman • Deborah Hunter • Ed Lambert • Cathy Whitmore • Phil and Flora Allen • Nate Estes • Jim and Roxie Gibson • Robbie McDaniel • Genevieve Stegall • Ann Floyd • Kande Wyatt • Larry Johnsey • Betty Blackwell Welch • Phil Blackwell • Family of Terry Beatty • Luke Reeves

June Birthdays: Emma Montgomery-10 • Jimmy Moss-12 • Miles Lawrie- 15 • Bob Davis- 16 • Baile Atkins- 20 • Maggie Phillips- 23 • Patricia Hawkins-23 • Tim Holder-25 • Dylan Kilpatrick- 26 • Timothy Hawkins-28

June Anniversaries: Jim & May Tansey -3 • Claude & Margaret McMillion - 6 • Jimmy & Tanya Moss-10 • Frank & Tracy Kilpatrick -17 • Bob & Faris Phillips -18 • Hugh & Salina Moorehead-18 • Hutton & Floy Brandon- 19 • Don & Beverly McLain - 21 • Brian & Carolana Callaway -27

Announcements and Reminders

Service of Remembrance and Hope, Sunday, June 13 Bills-McGaugh & Hamilton Funeral Home will be hosting an outdoor service in honor of ALL families of Marshall County who have lost loved ones to the COVID-19 Virus both locally and elsewhere. The service will be at 2 PM, and visitation will begin at 12:00 PM. Those who wish to come in support of these families are encouraged to attend, as well.

Session Meeting Tomorrow Night, 5:30 PM Session members, please check your mailboxes for reports for tomorrow night's meeting.

LAST CALL! Scholarship Applications are now due for rising freshmen and for college students continuing their education this coming fall. Applications are available on the front pew. Please give completed applications to Robert before you leave today or return them to the church office by noon tomorrow.

HOPEtown Summer Food Drive With kids out of school, many families will see their food expenses going up. Healthy canned foods and staples are a real help, if you can buy some extras on your summer grocery shopping trips.

NaCoMe Family Weekend We are making plans for our elementary school kids to go to NaCoMe on July 2-4. Other ages are welcome. Please see Anne Brandon for more details.

Sanctuary Flowers Sign-Up Please see the list on the front pew if you can help.

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Information to Join Our Services from Home

- **Option 1:** *Join to listen by phone (audio only)*
Dial: **1 312 626 6799**
Meeting ID Number: **819 8291 3549**, Press # as a participant, if asked
When it asks for a Password: **372**
- **Option 2:** *Listen and watch via the internet by computer or smart-phone:*
Go to **www.Zoom.com**
Click "**Join a Meeting**" near the top of the screen
Zoom may ask permission to install software on your computer. That is normal.
Meeting ID Number: **819 8291 3549** Password/Passcode: **372**
- You can join via Facebook Live or after the service through our website: www.fpclewisburg.org.