



First Presbyterian Church  
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Eleven O'clock

Service for the Lord's Day  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*Let us prepare ourselves for worship*

PRELUDE:

Elise Dumser, Guest Musician

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Montgomery

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

The LORD reigns! Let the earth rejoice!

**The earth is the LORD's, the world and all who dwell within it.**

Let us humble ourselves in God's presence and remember that we are creatures whose lives come from God and return to the One who gives us life and breath.

**Let us praise the LORD, who alone is worthy of worship.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

**"O Worship the King"**

# 41

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

O God our Father, in your mercy, please hear us as we open our hearts to you, for we need your grace and help.

**O Lord, grant us the courage to confess our sins and whatever troubles us.**

O Lord, Jesus Christ, you well know all our struggles, weaknesses and worries.

**Grant us your peace afresh and renew our confidence in you as the daily guide of our lives.**

O Holy Spirit, gently move in our lives that we may live gently upon the earth and with all those around us.

**Heal any broken relationships in our lives that peace may reign in our hearts and lives. Help us to take the first step and forgive others as you forgive us.**

O God, sanctify and bless the longings and hopes of our hearts with your matchless love and grace that your will may be done in us and through us.

**Although we are weak, remind us every day that your grace is more than sufficient for all that we need for ourselves and for the ministries you have entrusted to us. 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

SCRIPTURE READING:

**Ephesians 1: 3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*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 Neumeier, Director

SCRIPTURE READING:

**Mark 6: 14-29**

Then King Herod heard of it [*the amazing work of Jesus and his disciples*], for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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:

**"Amazing Grace"**

# 649

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 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE DOXOLOGY

# 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:

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## On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers

Mary Ann Clift • Ken Crowder (back) • Judy Horton (Becky Coble's mother) • 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 • Jim and Roxie Gibson • Robbie McDaniel • Genevieve Stegall • Ann Floyd • Kande Wyatt • Family of Larry Johnsey • Betty Blackwell Welch • Family of Terry Beatty • Luke Reeves • Jerry Wayne Weaver • Sherry Murphy Wilkinson

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

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

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## Announcements and Reminders

**Congregational Meeting Today:** There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately after our worship service today to elect the next class of session members.

**Session Meeting Tomorrow Night:** Session members, please check your mailboxes and your email inboxes for the monthly reports.

**School Supplies:** Yes, school starts soon! And it is indeed time to begin to collect school supplies to be donated to our area schools and given to needy students and to help out our teachers. Backpacks, boxes of #2 pencils (Ticonderoga preferred), crayons, wide ruled notebook paper, spiral notebooks, boxes of Kleenex, disinfecting wipes, along with pretty much anything a classroom could use. You can see a full list by grade at each school's website.

### Session Notes:

- We plan to begin serving the Lord's Supper using our communion trays again starting with the first Sunday in August. Pre-packaged communion elements will also continue to be available in the pews for those who prefer them.
- **Please mark your calendars for HOMECOMING SUNDAY on August 29. We will have invitation cards for everyone to hand out very soon.** If you would be willing to help with the preparations, please let Robert or Tim Holder know.
- We are making plans to create a handicap accessible entrance to the church through the area behind the McMillion-Lawrie Building.

**Presbytery Meeting** The next meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee will be by Zoom on July 17. These have been challenging months for all our churches, and for the church worldwide, so please take a few moments for prayer for us all every day and for our presbytery churches on July 17.

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- **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](http://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.  
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- You can join via Facebook Live or after the service through our website: [www.fpclewisburg.org](http://www.fpclewisburg.org).