



First Presbyterian Church
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Eleven O'clock

Service for the Lord's Day
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

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

PRELUDE: *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (arr. Robert Powell)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist and Pianist
Robert Montgomery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord!

God's faithful mercies never cease!

Jesus Christ has died and been raised from the dead to bring new life to all.

He bids all come to him, no matter who we are.

Because of his love for all, there is hope for all the world and everyone in it.

It is a new morning, a day to begin anew as disciples of Jesus Christ.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

O God of grace and majesty, without your love for us in Jesus Christ, our frailty and weakness would overwhelm us.

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

You know the times we have sought to serve you and our neighbors,

And you know the times we have not.

You know when we have struggled to resist temptations and sins,

And you know the times we have not.

Forgive us for the sins we know, and the sins we are most reluctant to recognize,

Seal our lives with your Holy Spirit, that we may belong to you entirely.

In the saving power of Jesus Christ, sanctify us afresh as part of the one new humanity, at peace with you and with each other

And as servant of Jesus Christ to all our neighbors.

(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: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (arr. Phillip Keveren)

SCRIPTURE READING: **2 Samuel 7: 1-14**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the

pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Choir; Robert Neumeyer, Director

SCRIPTURE READING:

Ephesians 2: 11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles [...] were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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:**

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*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:

*Festive Voluntary**(Robert Lau)***On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers**

Mary Ann Clift • Carolana Callaway • Joe B. Brandon • Dan Kouba (burns) • Nancy Bradley • Ken Crowder (back) • Jerry Wayne Weaver • Sherry Murphy Wilkinson • Micah McClendon • 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 & Flora Allen • Jim & Roxie Gibson • Robbie McDaniel • Genevieve Stegall • Ann Floyd • Kande Wyatt • Family of Larry Johnsey • Betty Blackwell Welch • Luke Reeves

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

Announcements and Reminders

Good News! The session is glad to announce that Teresa Burns has agreed to a part-time position with our church supporting our youth and children's Christian education. Teresa works for the Giles County Library, but she will give us time each week to help strengthen our youth and children's programs. Welcome, Teresa!

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.

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.

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.
- We are making plans to create a handicap accessible entrance to the church through the area behind the McMillion-Lawrie Building.
- Our church has provided some much needed resources to the Marshall County Recovery Court, which has an important role in helping people put their lives back together.

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.

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