

First Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship – Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Howard Bradley

Moment with Young Disciples: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Call to Worship

As Abraham and Sarah welcomed divine visitors with gracious hospitality and a feast, **may we welcome God with open hearts, ready to feast on God's word.** The Lord Jesus offers himself as the way, the truth, and the life to each of us. **We come to worship with open hands, ready to receive God's grace.**

Prayer of Adoration Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" *Glory to God* #645

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!

Call to Confession If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In faith, let us approach God's throne of grace.

Prayer of Confession Holy God, you send us to proclaim the good news of your kingdom to all who are lost, afflicted, or cast out. We confess that we are content to proclaim your kingdom in familiar communities where we know others will receive your news with nods of agreement. Help us to move beyond our comfort zone and strengthen us for compassionate service, that we may be the disciples you call us to be. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun! Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Illumination Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Old Testament Passage

Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-7

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament Passage

Romans 5:1-8

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Perseverance Beyond Platitudes” Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.07

Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the people of the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Call to Offering

Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God of love and peace, you created the vast universe! Through Christ your Son, you redeemed the world from human disobedience. Open our eyes to see the reflection of your image in each person. By your Spirit, inspire us to contribute to the flourishing of people, creatures, and the environment that you made to be very good indeed. Use these gifts and offerings to support our church’s mission of hope and assistance for people in our community. We pray through our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn of Dedication

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Glory to God #307

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction

Announcements

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Worship Services Online: The Session, at its June meeting, decided to continue to observe Sunday worship services online until further notice. Guidance from our PC(USA) denominational offices and state government officials urges the suspension of all congregational and public gatherings in our church facilities in order to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Please join us for the worship video premiere on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GCqiHtl7JXZln1_fzePSg at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. A link to worship is posted on FACEBOOK First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Tennessee and on the church's website <https://www.springfieldpres.org/>.

Adult Sunday School: Next week, June 21 at 9:45 a.m. we will begin an adult Sunday school class on *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie J. Thompson. Pastor Rosanna will lead the class via Zoom. Order the book here <https://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664239242/soul-feast-newly-revised-edition.aspx>. Here is the link to the class <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86415059778>

Email Pastor Rosanna rosanna@pastorrosanna.net for the password.

Donations Needed! Cereal and canned goods are desperately needed right now for those in need. If you would like to donate, please contact Ross Thomas (615) 772-4870 or rhtcons@gmail.com so that he may open the doors to the church for drop off.

Mission Opportunities: Please contact Ross or Linda Thomas for drop off information.

Loose Change for The Master's Table

Plastic Bags for Meals on Wheels

Targeted Food Items for May: Boxed Cereal and Canned Vegetables

*Please look over our **Prayer List** and if someone needs to be added, notify the church office at 1stprez@bellsouth.net. Please provide an address for those who are not members of the church so that we may send them a prayer card.*

May we keep in our prayers all the individuals and families affected by COVID-19.

“God will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”
Revelation 21:3b-4

Linda Alldredge	Alison Barnwell	Dale Boyter	Ethelene Burnett	Louis Burnett
Kyle Craighead	Shelby Hollis	Family of Mickey Hyde	Family of Michelle Lamb	
Rush Limbaugh	Anne Looney	Betty Murphey	Jerry Stuard	Gail York