

First Presbyterian Church of Springfield
Order of Worship for the Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Linda Thomas

Minute for Mission: Mary Jessica Woodrum

Organist: Mike Belote

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Welcome and Announcements

We Approach God

Call to Worship

The church is called to represent the body of Christ in the world.

Each member is uniquely gifted for a particular purpose.

Prophets and poets, thinkers and teachers, artists and advocates, consolers and caregivers:
we, who are many, are one body in Christ.

With thanksgiving we offer our varied gifts in service to Christ, who makes us one.

Let us glorify the Lord!

Prayer of the Day Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *Glory to God 353*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Call to Confession The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, praying for us with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession Dear Jesus, we recognize you as the Son of the Living God. We confess that we do not trust you to be at work in our world here and now. You are the Messiah who delivers us from death to life. Sometimes we doubt your power to transform our lives. We profess you are the Christ, the Lord of our lives, but our attention often wanders and our loyalty is tested. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to proclaim you and follow your way of justice and peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Hear the good news of God's promise: "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Son. Open our hearts by your Spirit so that we may hear your good news of new and eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Passage Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

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

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament Passage Romans 12:1 – 8

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

Sermon "Thriving, Not Just Surviving" The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.2*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Musical Interlude "Day by Day" Stan Stanley and Mike Belote

*Day by day, O dear Lord, three things I pray: to see Thee more clearly,
love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly day by day.*

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.

Minute for Mission

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Mary Jessica Woodrum

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication Living God, we are grateful for your faithful care of all that you have created. We are so glad that we can rely on your steadfast love. Strengthen our church's caring ministries through our gifts and offerings. May we assist others to embrace the new life that you provide through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

God Sends Us into the World

Hymn of Dedication

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

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Lift every voice and sing ‘til earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, ‘til victory is won.

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction

Announcements

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Zoom Coffee Hour After worship, join us for Zoom Coffee Hour (link is in the email).

Adult Sunday School “The Gift of Hospitality” is today’s theme in *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson. Class meets at 9:45 a.m. The link and password are in the email.

“Faith & Wisdom in James” Chapter 2 is our topic for Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. We are using *The Present Word Summer 2020: Many Faces of Wisdom*. The link is in the email.

Project JOY! Thank you very much for your generous support of this important mission of giving school supplies to the Appalachian Ministry to the children of Harlan, Kentucky.

Mission Opportunities Please contact Ross or Linda Thomas for drop off information at 615-772-4870. We are collecting **loose change** for The Master’s Table, **plastic bags** for Meals on Wheels, and **powdered milk** for United Ministries.

Prayer List If you know of someone who needs to be added to our list, please notify Administrative Assistant Megan Lowe at the church office at 1stprez@bellsouth.net. Provide the address for those who are not church members so we may send them a prayer card.

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

Linda Alldredge	Alison Barnwell	Dale Boyter	Ethelene Burnett
Louis Burnett	Kyle Craighead	Jack Dean	Phyllis Gunn
Anne Looney	Rush Limbaugh	Amanda Martelli	Cathy Mirabile
Charley Mirabile	Betty Murphy	Jerry Stuard	John Thomas
Connie Woodrum	Family of Mike Frost	Family of Mickey Hyde	Family of Ben Lewis

Worship Services Online We will continue to celebrate Sunday worship services online until further notice. We have suspended all congregational and public gatherings in our church facilities during the coronavirus outbreak. Join us for worship on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GCqiHtl7JXZln1_fzePSg at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. More information is posted on the church's Facebook page and our website <https://www.springfieldpres.org/> .