

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

**August 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Rosemary Sprague

Moment with Young Disciples: Stacey Willoughby

Minute for Mission: Mary Jessica Woodrum

**Welcome and Announcements**

We Approach God

**Call to Worship**

From the burning bush, in the still of night and in sheer silence,

**God beckons us to turn aside and listen to his voice.**

God calls us to sacred work.

**Let us worship God!**

**Prayer of the Day      Almighty God, you alone can order unruly wills and affections. Help us to love what you command, and desire what you promise, so that in the midst of this changing world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise      “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”      *Glory to God* 265**

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

**Call to Confession      “Children of God, I am speaking these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2). In faith, let us join in our prayer of confession.**

**Prayer of Confession      Compassionate God, you hear and respond to the cries of people who are oppressed. You call us to resist evil and hold fast to what is good, to take up the cross and commit our lives to the cause of love. We confess the we, like Moses, are afraid to confront powers that privilege some and diminish others. Forgive us, Lord. By your Spirit, open our ears to hear your voice, our eyes to see our neighbors in need, and our hearts to respond with compassion, so that we may follow in the way of Christ your Son. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** Rejoice and be glad! God is full of mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Believe in the gift of a new beginning and be at peace. **Thanks be to God!**

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

**Prayer for Illumination** Holy God, guide us by your Spirit of truth so that we may hear the Word of life you speak to us today. May we give you all glory, honor, and praise, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Passage** Exodus 3:1 – 15

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

**Moment with Young Disciples**

**New Testament Passage** Matthew 16:21 – 28

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

**Sermon**

“Fire and Footsteps”

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.**

**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, you miraculously used the burning bush to attract the attention of Moses. Just as the bush was on fire but not destroyed, so you sustain those you call to fulfill your purposes. Thank you for responding to the needs of your people and nurturing new leaders. By your Holy Spirit, help us to trust you completely as we seek to spend our lives following your Son. Let us be bold witnesses of your amazing power and love. We offer you these monetary gifts for the work of your church here and around the world, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## God Sends Us into the World

### **Hymn of Dedication**

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” *Glory to God 722*

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O use me Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

### **Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction**

**Dr. Anderson**

## **Announcements**

Sunday, August 30, 2020

**Zoom Coffee Hour** After worship, join us for fellowship. The link is in the email.

**Adult Sunday School** “Putting It All Together” is today’s theme in *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson. Class meets via Zoom at 9:45 a.m. The link is in the email.

**Stated Meeting of Session** The ruling elders, including Clerk of Session Ed Alexander, will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the church’s usual business with Dr. Anderson, Moderator of Session.

**“Faith & Wisdom in James”** We will meet via Zoom on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. We are using *The Present Word: 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](mailto: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. Give thanks to God for the **birth of Bryson Thomas Alexander**, son of Will and Jonna Alexander!

Linda Alldredge	Alison Barnwell	Dale Boyter	Ethelene Burnett
Louis Burnett	Kyle Craighead	Jack Dean	Phyllis Gunn
Paige Kerr	Rush Limbaugh	Amanda Martelli	Cathy & Charley Mirabile
Betty Murphey	Jerry Stuard	John Thomas	Connie Woodrum

Bereaved Families: Family of Mike Frost, Mickey Hyde, Ben Lewis, and Sue Reynolds

**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](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/>.