

# First Presbyterian Church of Springfield

## Order of Worship for the Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Howard Bradley

### Welcome and Announcements

#### We Approach God

#### Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing praise to God in the congregation.

**Let us rejoice in our Maker and be joyful in our Sovereign.**

Let us sing praise to the Lord with timbrel and harp.

**For the Lord delights in his people and adorns the poor with victory.**

Let us worship God!

**Prayer of the Day Everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love; and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you have commanded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

#### Hymn of Praise

“The Day of Resurrection!”

*Glory to God 233*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

**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 Jn 2:2). In faith, let us join in our prayer of confession.

**Prayer of Confession Forgiving God, you teach us to seek reconciliation with those who have wronged us, for, above all else, we are to love one another. But we let resentment smolder until anger flares, and rather than taking responsibility, we blame others. Grant us grace, we pray. Send your Spirit to make space in our hearts for forgiveness, and teach us to turn toward others in love as you have turned toward us. We pray in Jesus’s name. 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 our Lord. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Passage** Exodus 12:1 – 14

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

**Moment with Young Disciples**

**New Testament Passage** Romans 13:8 – 14

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

**Sermon**

“Love and Labor”

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God's Word

**Affirmation of Faith**

*A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.3*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**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 the Offering**

Friends, “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” (James 1:17). Let us present God's tithes and our offerings.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** Holy God, we praise you for the life you give to each person you dearly love. As we face the mysteries of sin and

**tragedy, give us wisdom to view them in the light of the cross. We praise you for your redeeming love for the world. Help us to wear the armor of Christ and turn aside from wasteful things, so that we may live according to your way. We dedicate these offerings and ourselves to your service. We pray in the name of Christ, through whose self-giving love you have conquered death forever. Amen.**

God Sends Us into the World

**Hymn of Dedication** “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” *Glory to God 331*

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast. Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

**Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction**

**Announcements**

Sunday, September 6, 2020

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

**“Faith & Wisdom in James”** We will have our final meeting about James (chapters 4 and 5) on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. The link is in the email to the congregation.

**Adult Sunday School** Our new series, *Love for One Another is The Present Word: Fall 2020* curriculum. Copies are available in the Church Office. We will meet with Pastor Rosanna via Zoom on September 13. The link is in the congregational email.

**Project JOY!** There are two weeks left to bring in any school supplies for this special mission, the Appalachian Ministry to bless 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 the targeted food items are **peanut butter and jelly**.

**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. We **give thanks to God for the birth of Bryson Thomas Alexander**, son of Will and Jonna Alexander!

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

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| Linda Alldredge | Alison Barnwell  | Dale Boyter   | Ethelene Burnett |
| Louis Burnett   | Kyle Craighead   | Phyllis Gunn  | Paige Kerr       |
| Amanda Martelli | Charley Mirabile | Betty Murphey | Jerry Stuard     |

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/>.