

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

September 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Rosemary Sprague

Welcome and Announcements

We Approach God

Call to Worship

Draw near to the Lord, who hears our pleas and our praise.

God invites us to rest in his holy presence.

Here is bread that the Lord provides, manna to nourish our souls.

We feast on God's sustaining Word.

Remember the Lord's wonderful works each evening; see God's glory in the morning light.

Let us worship the Lord!

Prayer of the Day **God and Father of all, you have willed that the last shall be first, and you have made a little child the measure of your kingdom. Give us wisdom from above, so we may understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" *Glory to God* 41

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Call to Confession Hear God's promises in Psalm 91: "Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation." In faith, let us join in our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession **Lord, your generosity surprises us. You do not mete out grace according to our standards. You lavish grace upon us according to**

your kindness. But we try to insist on deciding who is worthy and who is not. We grumble that some receive too little while others have more than they deserve. Help us to live with humility and gratitude. By your Spirit, help us to embody your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Hear the good news! “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:17). In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

God Speaks to Us Through God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. **Amen.** (Based on Eph 1:17-19)

Old Testament Passage Exodus 16:2 – 15

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

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament Passage Matthew 20:1 – 16

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

Sermon

“Fides et Labora”

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.4

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

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 The apostle Paul wrote, “You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich” (2 Cor 8:9). Let us give financial support to the ministries and mission of our church.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication Our Heavenly King, we rejoice that you invite everyone to a place of purpose in your kingdom. Through Christ, your Son, you give us a vision of the world as your vineyard, where each person can contribute the gifts you have given. Free us from envy or comparing our circumstances to others. Give us strength by your Spirit to live joyfully as generous servants of your realm. We present your tithes and our offerings with thanks and praise in Jesus’s name. **Amen.**

God Sends Us into the World

Hymn of Dedication “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” *Glory to God 629*

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast. But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be. Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction Dr. Anderson

Announcements

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Project JOY! We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the plentiful offering of school supplies for the Appalachian Ministry to the children of Harlan, Kentucky. Thank you to organizers Anne Looney and Rosemary Sprague, and to Ed Alexander and Ross Thomas who loaded up the vehicle for this special delivery. Our prayers go with the gifts, that the students, families, teachers, and staff will all be blessed as they learn this year!

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**.

Zoom Coffee Hour After worship, please join us for virtual fellowship via Zoom.

Adult Sunday School We are studying *Love for One Another, The Present Word Fall 2020* curriculum. Copies are available in the Church Office. We meet with Pastor Rosanna via Zoom at 9:45 a.m. The link is in the congregational email.

“Wisdom in Proverbs” Our new midweek Bible study series will begin this Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. The link is in the congregational email.

Grief Share If you or someone you know would like to learn more about a Grief Share group, please contact church member Phyllis Osborne at phyllisaosborne@gmail.com.

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 Phyllis Gunn Paige Kerr
Amanda Martelli Charley Mirabile Betty Murphey Jerry Stuard
Elizabeth Read and everyone affected by the wildfires in Oregon and California

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

Worship Services Online Out of concern for our congregation and community, we have suspended all congregational and public gatherings in our church facilities while COVID-19 is circulating in Robertson County. 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/>.