

First Presbyterian Church of Springfield

Order of Worship for the Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Linda Thomas

Welcome and Announcements

We Approach God

Call to Worship

Listen, O people, to the Lord's teaching; tune your ears to hear God's Word.

We are ready to hear our sacred story and tell of God's wondrous deeds.

The Lord will speak and declare the mysteries of ancient times.

We worship the Lord, our sustainer and guide.

Prayer of the Day Grant us, dear God, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Glory to God* 475

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Call to Confession God made these 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 Loving God, you desire that we have the same mind as Christ and imitate his compassionate service. But our minds turn to attitudes and ambitions that draw us away from you. We labor for ourselves and tend to the needs of a few before considering how our time and talents

could bless the world. We look up to the rich and famous and overlook the lowly rather than affirming the dignity of all. Transform us and renew our minds, we pray. By your gracious Spirit, fill us with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and work within us until our actions bear witness to the faith we confess. We pray in your holy name. 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, send your Holy Spirit to 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 Ephesians 1:17-19)

Old Testament Passage Exodus 17:1 – 7

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

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament Passage Matthew 21:23 – 32

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

Sermon “Leading with Humility” 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 Dear God our Creator, everything on earth is yours. We have nothing that can make you richer, for it all comes from you in the first place. But what we have we bring, and we acknowledge that we live thanks to you, and that without you we have nothing and can do nothing. Receive and bless these gifts for your work in our community and world. We pray in Jesus's name. **Amen.**

God Sends Us into the World

Hymn of Dedication "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" *Glory to God 263*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and , and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction Dr. Anderson

Announcements

Sunday, September 27, 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, David Thomas, Donna Thomas, 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!

World Communion Sunday on October 4 Next week, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper like Christians in the early church did, in our homes. Elders will be contacting

members about distributing the communion elements of individually-wrapped grape juice and bread. If you have difficulty connecting with Wifi at home, you may want to plan to visit a friend or family member to share in our online service of worship on Sunday morning. You can also watch worship services on your mobile phone. We look forward to celebrating the presence of our risen Lord Jesus with us in this meaningful way.

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 midweek Bible study meets on 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	Sharon Robinson
Jerry Stuard	Elizabeth Read and all affected by wildfires in Oregon and California		

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

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/>.