

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

October 11, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Mary Jessica Woodrum

Welcome and Announcements

We Approach God

Call to Worship

Psalm 106

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

Can anyone proclaim all the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare all God's praise?

Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right!

Remember, O Lord, your people and visit us with your saving help.

Prayer of the Day Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain and the blessed martyrs follow, and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Call to Confession

First John 3:18-20 says, "Children of God, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything." In faith, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession Extravagant God, you invite us to your table in the kingdom of heaven, but we do not take our place at the feast. We say, “I have more important things to do,” and turn back to pursuits that threaten to consume us. Forgive us, Lord. Beckon us again, we pray, that empowered by your Spirit we may respond with gratitude and faithfulness. In your mercy, may we experience the joy of your kingdom and your abundant 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 Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on you and your promises in Scripture. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Passage Exodus 32:1-14

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

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament Passage Matthew 22:1 – 14

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

Sermon “Dress Codes” The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith *Nicene Creed, 1.1-3*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 “Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov 3:9-10). Let us give generously to support the work of our church.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication God of peace, you are righteous and loving. Thank you for intervening in history to make a covenant relationship with your people, Israel. We are grateful that you welcome all who seek you through your Son, Jesus. Today we remember that you call women, like Euodia and Syntyche, and men, like Clement and Paul, to spread the gospel. Let your peace guard our hearts and minds in Christ, so that we may work together in harmony to do your will. We present these tithes and offerings to strengthen our church's ministries in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

God Sends Us into the World

Hymn of Dedication “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” *Glory to God* 494

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.

O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright. O chase the night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction

Dr. Anderson

Announcements

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Zoom Coffee Half Hour Right after worship, join us for a time of virtual fellowship in the comfort of home via Zoom.

Adult Sunday School How can we love and pray for our enemies, as Jesus commands us? This is the question we will discuss today with Pastor Rosanna via Zoom at 9:45 a.m.

“Wisdom in Proverbs” Our midweek Bible study will talk about seeking to live in wise ways as described in Proverbs 8 and 31 this Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Special Offering This week you still have an opportunity to contribute to our special offering for Peace and Global Witness in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Your gifts will help in “Building God’s Household of Peace” here in Springfield and around the world.

Save the Date! Sunday, October 18 at noon, will be our **virtual baby shower “Sip and See”** for Will and Jonna Alexander’s son, Bryson. The theme is favorite children’s books and all are encouraged to wear blue. Details are in the invitation from Rosemary Sprague.

Session Meeting Highlights The session met to make plans on 10/07. Elders are preparing a printed newsletter with information about opportunities for this fall and Advent.

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 item for October is **canned fruit**.

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. Please provide the address for those who are not church members so we may send them a prayer card.

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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 | Sharon Robinson |
| Jerry Stuard | Elizabeth Read and all affected by wildfires in California and Oregon | | |

Ed Alexander, Rosanne Alexander, President Donald Trump, First Lady Melania Trump, and all the individuals and families affected by Covid-19

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

Worship Services Online Out of love and 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 11:15 a.m. on Sundays. More information is posted on the church’s Facebook page and our website <https://www.springfieldpres.org/>.