

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

October 18, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Don Park

Moment with Young Disciples: Linda Thomas

Welcome and Announcements

We Approach God

Call to Worship

Psalm 96

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of the presence of the Lord our God!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the divine name; come to God's courts with your offerings.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor; let the whole earth tremble in awe.

Prayer of the Day Most gracious God, you are the tireless guardian of your people, ever prepared to hear our cries. Teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Support our prayer, lest we grow weary. Drive us to seek your enduring justice and your ever-present help. Grant this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Glory to God 438

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands. Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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

Living Lord, you are the source of every good gift. In you we live and move and have our being. You call us to respond to your grace by giving all that we are and all that we have in service to Christ. But we hold

tightly to our treasure, afraid we will not have enough for ourselves. We hold back our talents, afraid these gifts will not be enough. Send your Spirit of wisdom to unclench our fists and help us to give fully and freely so that we might serve and glorify you. We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Hear the good news: “God did not send his 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 Holy 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 33:12 – 23

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

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament Passage Matthew 22:15 – 22

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

Sermon “Not Taking Things at Face Value” 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 our salvation, through Jesus Christ's self-offering on the cross, you granted eternal life. We who were far off have become members of your household. We belong to you, yet we get caught up in the world that judges people by what they own. Enable us to love you with our whole heart. Free us from clinging to our money or possessions. Use our gifts and offerings to bring relief to people in need of physical health and spiritual healing. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

God Sends Us into the World

Hymn of Dedication “We Give Thee but Thine Own” *Glory to God 708*

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction

Dr. Anderson

Announcements

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Virtual Baby Shower and “Sip and See” is this Sunday at noon for Will and Jonna Alexander and their infant son, Bryson. Wear blue as we share favorite books with the baby. Special thanks to Rosemary Sprague for organizing this special celebration.

Adult Sunday School We will discuss “Loving Our Neighbors” and the parable of the good Samaritan today with Pastor Rosanna via Zoom at 9:45 a.m.

“Wisdom in Proverbs” Join us for our midweek Bible study Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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.

Linda Alldredge	Alison Barnwell	Dale Boyter	Ethelene Burnett
Louis Burnett	Kyle Craighead	Phyllis Gunn	Paige Kerr
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: Family Sue Reynolds

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/>.