

First Presbyterian Church of Springfield
Order of Worship: Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

November 1, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Larry Dean

Welcome and Announcements

We Approach God

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

Those hungry for hope, whose souls feel parched, God leads to the fountain of grace.

God's faithful love endures forever!

Let us draw near to hear the word of the Lord with grateful praise.

Prayer of the Day Eternal God, we rejoice that neither death nor life can separate us from your unfailing love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who continually proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" *Glory to God* 299

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name. The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

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 Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus to live among us as a servant, that we might follow his example. Yet we are hesitant to humble ourselves as he did. We are too concerned with worldly status and intent on achieving "success." We confess that sometimes we ignore opportunities to

serve you by assisting one another. By your Spirit, free us to embrace our calling to fulfill our part in your good purposes in this world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Hear the good news: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Our good God, enlighten us by your Holy Spirit in true understanding of your Word, enabling us to handle it faithfully, and to receive it in true reverence and humility. May we be taught by Scripture to put our full confidence in you, that we may glorify your holy name with our whole life and edify our neighbors by our good example. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Old Testament Passage Psalm 34

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

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament Passage Matthew 5:1 – 12

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

Sermon "What We Talk About When We Talk About Blessing" Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith *The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.124 - 5.125*

The church has always existed and it will always exist. But because God from the beginning would have [people] to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth (I Tim 2:4), it is altogether necessary that there always should have been, and should be now, and to the end of the world, a Church.

The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion . . . of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers of all benefits which are freely offered through Christ. They are all citizens of one commonwealth, one city, living under the same Lord, under the same laws, and in the same fellowship of all good things.

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 earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it: the world, and those who live in it” (Psalm 24:1). Let us return to God the offerings of our life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication God, our helper, you are our great joy! Your Spirit enlightens our hearts and minds. Thank you for always encouraging us to draw near to you in prayer and worship. In times of trouble or concern, we find hope and peace in your presence. Guide our congregation to share the warmth and good news of your love through ministries with people in our wider community. Receive these tithes and offerings in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

God Sends Us into the World

Hymn of Dedication “For All the Saints” *Glory to God 326*

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction Dr. Anderson

Announcements

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Adult Sunday School “Loving by Serving” (John 13) is our topic for discussion with Pastor Rosanna via Zoom at 9:45 a.m.

Zoom Coffee (Half) Hour Join us for a time to chat with friends right after worship!

“Wisdom in the Gospels” Our Bible study meets Wednesday 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 **macaroni and cheese** for the United Ministries Food Bank.

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 an address if the person is not a church member so we may send them a prayer card.

Linda Alldredge Dale Boyter Ethelene Burnett Louis Burnett Phyllis Gunn
Betty Murphey Jerry Stuard Daniel Piper Elizabeth Read
all affected by wildfires in CA, OR, CO, and all individuals/families affected by Covid-19

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/>.