

First Presbyterian Church of Springfield

Order of Worship for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Larry Dean

Moment with Young Disciples: Don Park

Welcome and Announcements

We Approach God

Call to Worship

Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

We worship you, our good God.

Prayer of the Day Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come, stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, steady our hearts in time of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the sun of righteousness dawns with healing in his wings. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"We Praise You, O God"

Glory to God 612

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Call to Confession God has graciously opened the gates of righteousness to us through the obedience of Jesus Christ. In faith, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession Ever-living God, you have made us stewards of your creation and commissioned us to carry out the work of Christ to the best of our ability. But we have not always served you with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. We withhold our gifts and fear scarcity. Have mercy upon us, we pray. By your Spirit, make us bold to use the talents you have given us for the sake of your kingdom, until your Son, our risen Lord, returns in glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Hear the good news: “The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds” (Titus 2:11-14). **Thanks be to God!**

God Speaks to Us Through God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

Old Testament Judges 4:1 – 7 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament Matthew 25:14 – 30 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Courage in the Face of the Odds” The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 The Lord calls us to unexpected opportunities to grow in giving and faith. Let us offer our gifts to God in gratitude and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication God, our provider, by your Word you give life and strength. Everything we have is a gift from your open hand. Guide us by your

Spirit to be diligent and faithful stewards of all that you entrust to our care. May we not bury our gifts or fearfully hoard resources. Fill our hearts with trust, so that we can experience your joy in giving. May our congregation show your generosity through our mission in the world. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God Sends Us into the World

Hymn of Dedication “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” *Glory to God* 687

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction

Dr. Anderson

Announcements

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Adult Sunday School “Confident Love” in First through Third John is the theme for this Sunday’s lesson as we meet with Pastor Rosanna via Zoom at 9:45 a.m.

Zoom Coffee (Half) Hour Join us for a time to chat with friends today at noon!

Advent Wreath Decorating for youth and families, Sunday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m. Contact Stacey Willoughby, Chair, Christian Education committee for more information.

Stewardship and Generosity Our final meeting on the church’s current fiscal position and the budget for 2021 will be Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. We will be observing current masking and social distancing provisions. Commitment Sunday is November 22.

Piano for Sale The church is selling the French Provincial upright, formerly in the church Fellowship Hall. If you know of someone seeking a piano, please call Ross Thomas at 615-772-4870.

Wisdom in the Gospels We will learn about Jesus and his wisdom at our midweek Bible study with Pastor Rosanna on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Mission Update Missions bring us together even when we can’t be physically together. The annual county-wide Thanksgiving Meal at **The Master’s Table** has been canceled due to Covid-19 restrictions. They will continue to serve a daily meal at 11:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Donations are not limited to loose change. Maybe you can provide a turkey, a ham, green beans, or rolls? Anything is appreciated! For the **United Ministries Food Bank**, November’s item is macaroni and cheese. Please help by putting the item on your grocery list every week. Free pick-up and delivery of items for these ministries are available. If needed, please contact Ross Thomas, Anne Looney, or Rosemary Sprague.

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 Lily Rae Davis
Betty Murphey Tommy Percello Jerry Stuard Elizabeth Read Melissa Trimble
Wilks Family all individuals and families affected by Covid-19 and natural disasters

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/>.