

May 12, 2019

Eleven O'clock

4th Sunday of Easter; Youth Sunday
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME

We're delighted that you're here! With the open arms of Christ, we welcome those of every age, ability, income, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity fully into the life of the church, just as we have been welcomed.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We begin worship with the musical prelude and lighting of the candles, reminding us of Christ's presence with us. Please use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue No.7* Craig A. Penfield

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Grayson, Grace, Jonathan, & Noah

Glory be to God!

Amen.

We come here today to open our hearts to the Lord.

Amen.

As we give thanks and praise, Jesus' words of blessing are at work.

Amen.

Let's do this thing!

Amen.

*HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rush

Dear God, you are merciful. We have not been faithful to your word. When people are hungry, we have not fed them. When people are mourning, we have not comforted them. We have not been peacemakers. Please forgive us for what we have not done and help us to be your words at work. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

KYRIE 577 *Lord, Have Mercy* KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Grayson

*GLORIA 589 *Alleluia* HONDURAS ALLELUIA

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Rush & Austin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ellie

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7 Maslan, Atticus, Declan, & Austin
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Because He Lives* William Gaither
Honey Kim, violin

SECOND READING Matthew 5:1-12 Carlitos, Bennett, Walker, Olivia, Ellie, Rush, Grace, Declan, & Noah
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Beatitudes* Dylan & Jonathan

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Maslan
**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

(Children will return from Balcony Church during this time)

*ENERGIZER *Waving Flag* Grace

FOCUS ON MISSION Olivia

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Walker, Carlitos, & Dylan

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS Atticus

Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row.

If you would like to make a gift electronically, scan here to be directed to our online giving site:



OFFERTORY *This is My Father's World* Michael
Thomas

*THE DOXOLOGY 609
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Bennett

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING OF SENIORS
Dylan Lyall
Honey Kim
Jonathan Sexton
Kiam Moriya

*HYMN (See insert) *Lean On Me*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Let All Things Now Living* L.Larson

*Please stand as you are able.

Thanks to those youth who are leading us in worship this morning: Grace Ahnert, Rush Ahnert, Walker Brouwer, Bennett Fuller, Grayson Fuller, Patricia Gauntt, Atticus Girourd, Declan Girourd, Maslan Girourd, Honey Kim, Austin Lyall, Dylan Lyall, Amelia Neiman, Michael Neiman, Carlitos Norris, Olivia Norris, Matthew Parrish, Grayson Patton, Mary Glynn Patton, Jonathan Sexton, Ellie Smalley, Robert Stephenson, Will Stephenson, Noah Whitten. Thanks also to our Youth Director, Emily Burt, Youth advisor, Emily Roberts and Christian Educator, Patti Winter for their leadership and support!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you God's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live in the area and are seeking a faith community, we hope you will return soon so that we may get to know you better. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at www.fpcbham.org. May God's peace and blessing be with you.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, our Session meets on the *first Sunday of the month* in the Chapel following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

FOR CHILDREN: Children's bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. We love having kids in worship, but the following alternatives also are available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 will go to the balcony, where they experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children's bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord's Supper or Baptism are celebrated, children will return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

LET THE BELLS PLAY! Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please use the Prayer Request and Information Change cards, found in the pew rack, to relay information to the church office. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office and place it in the offering plate.

SERMONS are available from our website at www.fpcbham.org.

The **ACOLYTE** for today is Patricia Gauntt.

MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST LIGHT, INC. is a mission center of FPC, giving shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light's website: www.firstlightshelter.org

RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO) has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org.

THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center's website is www.eprcdc.com

FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at daniel@fiaal.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

THE REV. TERRY HAMILTON-POORE, Pastor and Head of Staff

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Have you remembered the church in your will?