

7th Sunday of Easter
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME

We're delighted that you're here! Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubts, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that includes you.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Choral Prelude on Horbury* Alec Rowley

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

God is ruler over all the earth;
the Lord reigns on a holy throne.
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Jesus Christ is Lord!
Glory to God in the highest.
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

With lifted hearts, let us worship God.

*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of power, you have lifted Christ on high, but we confess that we remain mired. While Christ directs our minds to unity, we get caught up in petty disagreements. While Christ looks upon the whole world with eyes of love, we look upon those outside our clan with eyes of suspicion. While Christ casts a vision of a world made new, we wring our hands in helpless cynicism.

Forgive our jaded hearts, we pray. Fill us with faith, renew our hope, and empower us by your Spirit to act with the all-encompassing love of your Son that all the world might be raised to newness of life. In silence, we open our hearts to you....

Silent Confession

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

1 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

2 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

3 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

4 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

5 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA 589 *Alleluia* HONDURAS ALLELUIA

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Now the Lord is risen in-deed. A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya. El Se-nior re-su-ci-to.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Acts 16:16-34

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALTER 365 *God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!* Psalm 97

SECOND READING Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Give Thanks* arr L.Larson

*GOSPEL READING John 17:20-26

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *#thatallmaybeone* Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 346 *For the Healing of the Nations* ST. THOMAS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to Godself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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. To be directed to our online giving site, scan here:



OFFERTORY *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* Robert Lowry

*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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise....
...with sun and moon and stars, and with the saints of every age,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS 597

*Holy, most holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled, filled with your holy light.
O blessed is the One, the One who comes,
comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, sanna, sanna, sanna.*

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

To receive, please come forward to the station nearest you, take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice, and eat. The center station contains Udi's gluten-free, dairy free bread.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*COMMISSIONING CAMP AND CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

*HYMN 702 *Christ Be Beside Me* BUNESSAN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *March in C* Henry Purcell

*Please stand as you are able.

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 **LITURGIST** for today is Scott Pierce.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

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.

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