

July 28, 2019

9:30 a.m.

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr by Chris Rice

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT 388 *Come, All You People* UYAI MOSE

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker; (3x)  
come now and worship the Lord.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God says: Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

**But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.**

For in six days God made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day.

**Therefore, God blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.**

In gladness, let us worship God.

\* HYMN 393 *O Day of Rest and Gladness* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you gave us Sabbath as a gift, yet we refuse to take our rest. We keep ourselves in a state of frantic busy-ness, in an endless cycle of producing and consuming, striving and fretting. We exhaust ourselves. We exhaust the earth. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to stop. Help us to breathe. Help us to rest.

And when our Sabbath is over, may we rise, refreshed and renewed, having learned that the world can turn without us, for it is you who holds it, and us, in your hands.

*Silent Confession.*

\*KYRIE 48 *Rain Down* RAIN DOWN

*Rain down; rain down;  
rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down; rain down;  
rain down your love, God of life.*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA 589 *Alleluia* HONDURAS ALLELUIA

*Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.*

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

*(Please greet one another with: "The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you.")*

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN

Patti Winter

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 692

*Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.  
Spirit open my heart.*

FIRST READING

Leviticus 25:1-7

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALTER (in unison)

Psalms 131(ICEL Translation)

**Lord, I am not proud,  
holding my head too high,  
reaching beyond my grasp.**

**No, I am calm and tranquil  
like a weaned child  
resting in its mother's arms:  
my whole being at rest.**

**Let Israel rest in the Lord,  
now and forever.**

ANTHEM

*Prayer Perfect*  
Jeff Hairrell, soloist

Oley Speaks

SECOND READING

Mark 2:23-28

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Caring for God's Creation: *Renewing Sabbath*  
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

FOCUS ON MISSION

*Why "More Light" is important to me*

Brenda Toomey

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:*



THE OFFERTORY

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

arr. Pam Gervais

\*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....**  
Creator of the cosmos, Breath of heaven, Lover of us all...

LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ICET

Setting by David Haas

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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 gluten-free, dairy free bread.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* PROMISE

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION 80 (XX=clap two times)

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you,  
there'll be shouts of joy,  
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands [XX];  
the trees of the field will clap their hands [XX];  
the trees of the field will clap their hands [XX];  
while you go out with joy.*

\*POSTLUDE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Jack Schrader

\*Please stand as you are able.

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**WE WELCOME VISITORS** Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at [www.fpcbham.org](http://www.fpcbham.org).

**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 are also available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 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 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](http://www.fpcbham.org).

**The LITURGIST** for today is Scott Pierce.

**ASSISTING** in worship is the Rev. Leigh Ann Min.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.eprdc.com](http://www.eprdc.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@faal.org](mailto:daniel@faal.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?*