

August 25th, 2019

11:00 a.m.

11th 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 means you.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Dwell With Us, O Lord* Johann Pachelbel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

After the work of creation, on the seventh day, God rested.

So we gather to celebrate the Sabbath: time to rest, be restored, and give thanks for the beauty of creation.

God commands us to observe this day and keep it holy.

So we gather to rest, be restored, and give praise to God.

We worship the one who is Lord of the Sabbath:

who heals, restores, and is worthy of praise.

*HYMN 389 *Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord* HALLUHU

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, these are complicated times in which we live. We want so much to do what is right, but we are bound by systems of oppression and trapped by our own biases. Forgive the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone! Give us the wisdom to discern your will and your way: the way that leads toward healing and wholeness for all. Then inspire in us the courage to follow your leading. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:9b-14

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

In This Very Room

Ron and Carol Harris

HYMN 535/PSALM 103

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

BLESS THE LORD

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-17

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Healing What Ails Us

Rev Cat Goodrich

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 795 *Healer of Our Every Ill* HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God:

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the

captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the

children, healing the sick and binding up the

brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and

calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the human world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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.

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

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

J.S. Bach

*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 DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)* HERE I AM (Schutte)

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH *The Peace of the Earth (2x)* arr. John L. Bell

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too;

the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.

Deep peace falling over you;

God's peace growing in you.

*POSTLUDE

Crown Him Lord of All

G. Martin

*Please stand as you are able.

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.

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.

The LITURGIST for today is Mark Aldridge.

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.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.

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

THE REV. CATHERINE GOODRICH, Associate Pastor

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Have you remembered the church in your will?