

September 1, 2019

11:00 a.m.

12<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 means you.*

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Prelude* Camille Saint- Saens

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP \*\*

The sun rises and it is light, darkness falls and brings the night.

**Bless the One who gives the life.**

Sow the seed and reap the corn; bear the child and build the home;

**Bless the One who gives the life.**

Lay the stone and light the hearth; cast the net and clean the catch;

**Bless the One who gives the life.**

Serve the guest and make the bed; nail the wood and tend the plants;

**Bless the One who gives the life.**

Make the wine and knead the dough; bless the cup and break the loaf;

**Bless the One who gives the life.**

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 26 *Earth and All Stars* EARTH AND ALL STARS

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, you gathered a church to show what true community looks like, but we recreate the inequities of society. We value status more than service, and fail to honor the gift of honest labor. We do not reflect the humility of our servant Lord.

Forgive us, we pray. Lift up the lowly among us, and humble the haughty, so that we may walk at the same level, side-by-side, on the common ground of your mercy and steadfast love.

--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 Rev. Cat Goodrich

\*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 Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 112 (ICE translation)

Happy those who love God and delight in the law.

**Their children shall be blest, strong and upright in the land.**

Their households thrive, their integrity stands firm.

**A light shines on them in darkness, a God of mercy and justice.**

The good lend freely and deal fairly,

**They will never stumble; their justice shall be remembered.**

Bad news holds no power, strong hearts trust God.

**Steady and fearless, they look down on their enemy.**

They support the poor, their integrity stands firm,

**their strength brings them honor.**

Hatred devours the wicked.

**They grind their teeth; their plans turn to ash.**

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* Irish Melody

GOSPEL READING Luke 14:1, 7-14

For the Word of God in scripture;  
for the Word of God among us;  
for the Word of God within us:

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Honest Work, Holy Work* Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 273 *He Is King of Kings* HE IS KING

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *Vamos Caminando: A Peruvian Catechism*

**All hands together to change the world.**

**All hands together to till the land.**

**All hands together to pull up weeds.**

**All hands together to share our joy.**

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 *Trio* Jacques Boyvin

\*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.**

It is a good and fruitful work to give thanks to you...

All these we do with all your people now on earth and all the multitude of heaven,

praising your name and joining in their unending hymn:



... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'M GONNA LIVE

\*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.*

\*BLESSING OF HANDS

*Near each exit is a station to receive blessing and anointing of hands.*

*May you carry that blessing with you to whatever work you undertake.*

\*POSTLUDE *Allegro* P. Francheschin

**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.

\*Please stand as you are able.

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\*\*\*Adapted from *Worship in Daily Life: A Resource for Worship Planners*, © 1999 Discipleship Resources, Nashville TN

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**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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*Have you remembered the church in your will?*