

September 29, 2019

11:00 a.m.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON MISSION

Peace and Global Witness Offering

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the prayers of the people this morning, please write the name or the initials of a neighbor (you can also draw a picture) for whom you would like to pray on the paper found in your bulletin. Then, bring it forward so that our children can make a mosaic of the neighbors we are holding in prayer.

HYMN 62

Love the Lord Your God GREAT COMMANDMENT

THE 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.

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WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ollie Whitten

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

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Buxtehude

*THE DOXOLOGY 608

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 487

These Treasured Children PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O, Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

S. Wolff

Please join us in the chapel for refreshments and fellowship!

*Please stand as you are able.

Many thanks to our children who are leading us in worship today, and to Patti Winter, our Christian Educator, and to Cat Goodrich who helped prepare for this morning's worship and to all our parents for their support.

16th 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

Jesus Love Me

David Paxton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT 399

God Welcomes All

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Esme Brouwer

On your mark....

We are here to worship God.

Get Ready

To sing, and pray, and listen, and remember.

Get Set

To be touched by the Spirit.

Go!

God is here. It's time to worship and celebrate!

*HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ruby Neiman

There are so many times when we mess up, God. Times when we pollute the beautiful earth that you have given to us to take care of. Times when we litter without thinking, times when we waste food while others go hungry. Times when we start wars, or kill beautiful animals, or treat our families with anger instead of love. Love us through all those times, God, and bring us to times when we love, share, and treat all people as reflections of your image. *Silent Confession.*

*KYRIE 698

Take, O Take Me As I Am

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Andrew Goodrich

*GLORIA 598

Amen, We Praise Your Name

AMEN SIAKUDUMISA

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.

*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.")

SUNG INVITATION



FOCUS ON CHILDREN

Patti Winter

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Evie Marble

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10: 25-37

Patrick Henderson

*Tegan Burkett, Thomas Burkett, Andrew Goodrich, Addison Marble,
Evie Marble, Ruby Neiman*

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM 692

True Light

Keith Hampton

Jeff Hairrell, soloist

SERMON

NeighborWorks

Rev. Cat Goodrich

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Study Catechism, Question 22)

What is God's Providence?

We believe God not only preserves the world, but also continually rules over it. God cares for every creature and brings good out of evil, so that nothing evil is permitted to occur that God does not bend finally to the good.

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.

USHERS:
Tegan Burkett
Thomas Burkett
Maddie Goodrich
Evie Marble

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?