

October 6, 2019

11:00 a.m.

**World Communion Sunday
17th 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 and Fugue No.7* Craig Penfield

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**

From north and south, from east and west, we come:
God's people called to the table to be nourished by grace.
From down the street and neighborhoods nearby, over the mountain
and beyond:
**God's people are called into community, to love and serve one
another.**
For every class, every race, every status, every age, every identity, every
person, *everyone*.
The table is set, the feast is ready; let us worship God!

*HYMN 637 *O Sing to the Lord* (Brazil) CANTAI AO SENHOR

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Good and Holy God, you created us to be one people, and yet we
are divided. You call us into community, and yet still we refuse
to welcome those who need refuge, and we tell ourselves that
others' needs and struggles are none of our concern. Forgive us
for forgetting that each person is a reflection of your image,
bound by your love, and part of our family. Open our eyes to see
your Spirit at work here, and among your people around the
world. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...**

*KYRIE 103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace (v1-2)* (Korea) O-SO-SO
**Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
Come now, O God of love: make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*GLORIA 598 *Amen, We Praise Your Name* (South Africa) 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.")

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SUNG INVITATION

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the fam - ily.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the fam - ily.

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the
One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -
gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un - der-stand.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 37:1-9

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *One World, One Communion* Pepper Choplin
Curt Pounders, flute

GOSPEL READING Luke 17:5-10

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Our Church* Rev. Kazuo Moriya

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 176 *If You Only Had Faith* (Caribbean) SI TUVIERAS FE
*If you only had faith, just like a little seed of mustard: this is what Jesus has said... (2x)
You would be able to tell this mountain: move away! Move away! (2x)
And then the mountain will move away, will move away, will move away. (2x)*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH South Africa, litany from words of Alan Boesak
It is not true that this world and all its people are doomed to die and be
lost.

**This is true: For God so loved the world as to give Jesus, the only
begotten Son, that whomsoever believes in him shall not
perish, but have everlasting life.**

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity, discrimination, hunger
and poverty, death and destruction.

**This is true: I have come that they might have life, and have it
abundantly.**

It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind, of justice, of
human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and for this
history.

**This is true: The hour has come, and it is now, that the true
worshippers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.**

FOCUS ON MISSION Peace and Global Witness Offering Alicia Germany

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 *Air* J. Chambonieres

***THE DOXOLOGY 608** PRAISE GOD

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise....
One: We join our voices with the faithful of every time and place
who forever give glory to your name:
**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest....**
One: Great is the mystery of faith:
All: 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

*In celebration of World Communion Sunday, we are offering bread from different cultures.
Injera is gluten free*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 742 *We Will Walk with God* (Swaziland) SIZOHAMBA
NAYE

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* GREEN TYLER
*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 *To God Be the Glory* V. Johnson

*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.

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.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.

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