

November 17, 2019

11:00 a.m.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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.

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, please scan here:



THE OFFERTORY

Just As I am

arr. V. Johnson

*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 100

My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE
COUNTY DOWN

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:*

O, Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

V. Johnson

SUNG INVITATION

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost, and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

FOCUS ON CHILDREN

Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

arr.by John Rutter

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21: 5-19

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Cat Goodrich

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

from the Iona Community

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join
hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises
over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share
our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability, and onto the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on
the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully
and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new
community of hope.**

FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP

Mission, Justice, and Service
Advent Giving Opportunities

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

23rd 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 in A minor

J. Brahms

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

(adapted from Isaiah 12)

Surely God is our salvation:

In God we trust; we will not be afraid.

God is our strength and our might.

With joy we draw water from the wells of salvation.

Let our praise be known throughout all the earth:

God has done great things for us.

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, when we do not practice what we preach;
when we saddle others with burdens we should bear ourselves;
when we are prideful about honors or empty praise. Remove our
sin from us and make us more like Jesus, so that we can bear his
light in all we say and do.**

We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

*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

*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.")

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 Scott Pierce.

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@fiaal.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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