

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**WELCOME**

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we are honored that you have chosen to worship today at First Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel welcome, inspired, and strengthened by the power of God to meet the challenges of your daily life.

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*We begin worship with the musical prelude and lighting of the candles, reminding us of Christ's presence with us. Please use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.*

PRELUDE *Psalm Prelude : Expectavi* Fenton Groden

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**We come as joyful people, singing praise to God.  
We come as needy people, praying for God's provision.  
We come as listening people, open to hearing God's word.**  
With your joy, with your need, with your pain – come, come, come.

\*HYMN 23 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* PLEADING SAVIOR

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, confident of your grace, we confess our sins to you.  
We have loved things more than people, and we cling to the values of a broken world. Our brothers and sisters are suffering, but our hearts are hardened by ambivalence – we do not believe what we do will make much difference. Set us free from the shackles of doubt, O God, and help us receive and share Christ's reconciling love in the world. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...**

\*KYRIE 577 *Lord, Have Mercy* KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

\*GLORIA 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glo-ry to God, whose glo-ry shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

**PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 4:12-16

One: The word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Lord Jesus, Think On Me* arr. David Johnson

\*GOSPEL READING Mark 10:17-31

One: The word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up* Rev. Cat Goodrich

**DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*HYMN 691 *Lord When I Came Into This Life* LAND OF REST

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS**

Elders Class of 2020 Tony Cox  
Class of 2022 Francis Rushton

Deacons Class of 2019 Randy Girouard  
Class of 2020 Will Marble, Camille Bryson

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

One: The Lord be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

**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.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

FOCUS ON MISSION Stewardship

**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.*

OFFERTORY *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Robert Lau

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

\*POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Oliver Holden

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**WE WELCOME GUESTS** and celebrate that you are worshiping with us today. Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you the Lord's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live in the area and are seeking a faith community, we hope you will return soon so that we may get to know you better. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at [www.fpcbham.org](http://www.fpcbham.org). May God's peace and blessing be with you.

**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. While all children are welcome in worship, the following alternatives also are available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 will 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 will return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

**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 Susan Davenport.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.eprcdc.com](http://www.eprcdc.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](mailto: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. CATHERINE GOODRICH, Pastor and Acting Head of Staff

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THE REV. DR. ROBERT S. CRUTCHFIELD, Pastor Emeritus

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*