

May 20, 2018

Eleven O'clock

**Pentecost Sunday  
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 here and inspired. May you be 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 *Allen Hofst in der Hob sei Ehr* J. G. Walther

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Alleluia!  
**All: Praise be to God!**  
One: Alabare a Señor!  
**All: Praise the Lord!**  
One 神を讃えよ  
**All: Praise the Lord!**  
One: Louons le Seigneur!  
**All: Praise the Lord!**  
One: 주님을 찬양  
**All: Praise be to God!**

\*HYMN 280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* EBENEZER

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.  
**All: God in community, three in one, we confess that we allow differences to drive us apart. We are divided by race, class, creed, and culture.**  
One: Suddenly, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages...  
**All: Your desire for us is clear: one people, beloved children of God, all welcomed and valued. And yet we resist the reconciling work of the Spirit, staying safe instead of heeding your call to speak up, reach out, and build bridges.**  
One: In those days, God declares, I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young ones shall see visions, and your old ones shall dream dreams.  
**All: Have mercy on us, loving God, and help us dream your dream again. Give us eyes to see the promise of your kingdom, courage to share the good news, and the will to make it reality here and now. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...**

\*KYRIE 576 *Lord, Have Mercy* SINGAPURA  
*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, on us.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

\*GLORIA 589 *Alleluia* HONDURAS ALLELUIA  
*Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord has risen indeed.*

**PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Rev. Catherine Oliver

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

PSALTER READING Psalm 104: 24-25, 30-33

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

ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me* Philip Wilby

\*GOSPEL READING Acts 2:1-21

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

SERMON *Learning A Language* Rev. Cat Goodrich

**DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*HYMN 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

Elder to be ordained and installed: Amelia Neiman (class of 2019)  
Elders to be installed: Janell Ahnert, Amy Neiman, David Perry, Emily Roberts, Sandra Storm (class of 2021)  
Deacons to be installed: Suzy Baker, Leigh Anne Roach, Diane Smalley (class of 2020)  
Team Leader to be commissioned: James Vines, Property

Trustee to be commissioned: Emily Westbrook (class of 2021)

**ACT OF THANKSGIVING for the MINISTRY OF JULIE POTTS**

**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 *Plainte* L. Boellmann

**\*THE DOXOLOGY 606**

*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.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Rev. Kazuo Moriya

**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**

*We are serving communion by intinction today. There are two stations at the front of the sanctuary. Please come to the station nearest you, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and eat. Gluten free, dairy free bread is in a small dish on each plate.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

\*HYMN 538 *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

\*POSTLUDE *Postlude* Frescobaldi

\*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.

**OPPORTUNITY INSERT** Please use the Opportunity Insert to relay information to the church office, including reservations for church events. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office, fold the insert and put 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.

**The ACOLYTE** for today is Patricia Gauntt.

## 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

THE REV. CATHERINE OLIVER, Interim Associate Pastor

THE REV. JIM STANFORD, Parish Associate

MR. KYLE CRIDER, Acting Administrator

MS. LAURA H. ROBERTSON, Secretary

MS. DEBBIE BOONE, Bookkeeper

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DR. HYE SOOK JUNG, Organist

MS. JULIE POTTS, Youth Director

MS. KANDIE WILEY, Sexton

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

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*