

Trinity 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, 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 *Prelude* Louis Couperin

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be God: eternal Ruler, living Word, abiding Spirit.

Many: We will glorify God forever.

One: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer of all.

Many: We will glorify God forever.

One: Blessed be God: heavenly Parent, beloved Child, holy Advocate.

Many: One in three, holy in one, thanks be to God!

*HYMN 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King, v1-3, 6* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that our understanding of you falls far short of your glory. Our language is limited, our creativity insufficient. We have re-made you in our own image instead of honoring the divine mystery. We have allowed our small ideas about what's possible prevent us from opening our imaginations to the power of your boundless love. Forgive us, we pray. Inspire in us a sense of wonder, that we might come to know your presence in new ways. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

*KYRIE 421 *Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life v.1* IRISH

Musical notation for Kyrie 421 with lyrics: Kyrie: Have mercy, God, up on my life, and Gloria: Then I will praise you with my heart, and my make mind, me clean soul, with in: pour out your ev er and -faith- seek the love lost; and wash all the way world my sin. re - joice!

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA 421 *Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life, v.5* (see above) IRISH

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING Romans 8: 18-25

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *I Will Thank Thee, O Lord* Daniel Purcell

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1-8

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Flaming Lips* Rev. Cat Goodrich

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 347 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of 1967

We believe that in Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to Godself.

Jesus Christ is God with humankind.

He is the eternal Son of the Creator, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.

He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.

Therefore, the church calls people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise....

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

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 *Toccata in G* H. Coleman

*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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy* THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Allen zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* F. W. Zachau

*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. 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.

The **LITURGIST** for today is Su and Zoe Reid-St. John.

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.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.

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

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

Have you remembered the church in your will?