

*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.*

10th Sunday after Pentecost
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 *Jesus, meine Zuversicht BWV 728* J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Voices can speak and sing, proclaim and praise;
All: Our voices are a gift from God.
One: Words can bless or bore, wound or cause wonder, inspire or ignite our indignation;
All: With voices uplifted and words overflowing with hope, we give thanks for God's Word to us – Praise be to God!

*HYMN 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**In the community of the church and in the presence of God's people, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved God, cared for creation, nor respected others as we should.
For our complicity and complacency in response to the brokenness around us, we pray for God's pardon.
We open our hearts in silent prayer...**

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

Musical notation for Kyrie and Gloria with lyrics: Kyrie: Have mercy, God, upon my life, and my heart, and my soul, with my voice. Gloria: Then I will praise you with my heart, and my voice. You save the least and the lost; let all the world rejoice!

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING Psalm 65:5, 9-13

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

ANTHEM *The Lord is My Light* Frances Allitsen
Alicia Germany, solo

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 14:13-21

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

SERMON Summer of Love: *Enough For Everyone* Rev. Cat Goodrich

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

*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.**

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.

OFFERTORY *Canon* C. Frank

*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 463 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE *Andante Religioso* F. Mendelssohn

*Please stand as you are able.

** Liturgy inspired by *the Iona Community's Wee Worship Book, 4th incarnation, Wild Goose Resource Group: Glasgow, Scotland.*

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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 Scott Pierce.

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. Their website is ruthandnaomi.org
Contact cbaplain@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@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.

THE REV. CATHERINE GOODRICH, Pastor and Acting Head of Staff

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Have you remembered the church in your will?