

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 27, 2021 – 10:30 AM
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Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

In the name of the Risen Christ, welcome to this morning's service of worship. If you are a visitor, we are glad you're with us and hope you will return. May God's Holy Spirit fill our worship with joy, our hearts with forgiveness, and our lives with hope.

Prelude

Annette Crandall

Call to Worship

As we gather on this holy day

We pray for the posture of the servants of God:

For openness; so we may be surprised by God's grace;

For humility; so we may be changed by Christ's compassion:

For discernment, so we may hear Christ calling us;

For courage, so we may take the steps to answer.

Let us worship the Living God,

The One who is our reason for praise.

Hymn (on provided insert)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You shower us with blessings, with chances to know your grace. Still, O Lord, we twist your promises and pray for blessings we can own. You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow your call to compassion. Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over transformative faith. You have told us that your love is enough, that the waters of mercy will not run dry. Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust, hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own. Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness, offer us a chance to try again.

Assurance of God's Grace

Doxology (Sung aloud with JOY)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Special Music

Fill-A-Me Up

Choplin

Prayers of the People – Followed by 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.

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 NIV

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: “The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.”

Second Lesson

Lamentations 3:23-33 NIV

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. Let him sit alone in silence, for the Lord has laid it on him. Let him bury his face in the dust—there may yet be hope. Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace. For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

Sermon

“Still, Still, Still”

Hymn (on provided insert)

Great is thy Faithfulness

Benediction

Postlude

Annette Crandall



Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor

Billy Ricketts – Pastor for Admin and Mission Outreach

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to this morning's service of worship. Thank you for helping us maintain social distancing and a clean worship environment. Until the Corona Virus is no longer a health threat, we are participating in a more limited liturgy. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plate on the piano by the front Exit door. True worship is a gift of the Holy Spirit. God's healing, forgiving power flows freely to those here and those online. Our prayer is the grace we experience and learn will be shared with our wider community.

Week of June 27 - Prayers of the People

All members and friends who are staying at home until the corona virus is contained.

- A.T. and Nancy Mayo
- Bobbi Stegall and Family
- Lane Pittman
- Robert and Carol Pomeroy (Diane Griffin's Parents)
- Marion Price
- Rose Layman (Mother of Deb Hardie, Mom to Sylvia Cox)
- Monica Manley

June Birthdays

14 Tommy Pennell
17 Gabrielle Goodrich
17 Dan Swanson
18 Frances Hardy

21 Cameron McCormick
25 Mason Winkler
26 Mackenzie Taylor
28 Barbara Livingston

There will be a "Closet Clean Out" at FPC on July 10, 2021 at 9 am. The Social hall closet and rooms on the hallway will be organized. This process will help us take an inventory as well. If you have items here that are yours, please remove by July 10. You may contact Mary Leming at (804) 350-0815 or marystuartleming@gmail.com if you can volunteer. Thank you!