

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Seek Ye First” Lafferty/Pachelbel/Setting by Douglas Wagner

(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)

Call to Worship: Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

O God of glory, you bless the poor in spirit with the richness of your eternal favor. You choose the meek to inherit the earth. You comfort those who mourn, the hungry, and thirsty you satisfy. The pure in heart catch sight of your splendor, and those who make peace call your own. We join with the merciful, who throughout the ages have lived by your graciousness and worshiped your name.

Opening Hymn: “I Danced in the Morning” GTG #157

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and righteousness, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We say we love our neighbors, but we still make distinctions. We favor the rich and discount the poor. We say we have faith, but our works do not show it; we preach Jesus Christ while we send the hungry away. While our lips praise you, our hands cast off strangers. We are not worthy to ask your forgiveness except for the name of Christ, who pardoned the thief on the cross and forgave those who put him to death. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response: “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” GTG # 582
(Please use hymnal to join in singing this response)

WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

Time for Young Disciples Laura Sparks

Scripture: Mark 8:27-38 p. 43-44

Sermon: “Who Is this Guy?” Rev. David Roquemore

Hymn: “I Come with Joy” GTG #515

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by The Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Anthem: “Taste and See” James E. Moore, Jr.

(The Rev. David Roquemore and Jay Bajorek, guitars)

(refrain) Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;

My soul shall glory in the Lord, for God has been so good to me. (refrain)

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God’s name.

I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles, I was set free. (refrain)

Worship the Lord, all you people. You’ll want for nothing if you ask.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. (refrain)

Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” GTG # 606

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.

WE ARE SEALED IN GOD’S GRACE

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

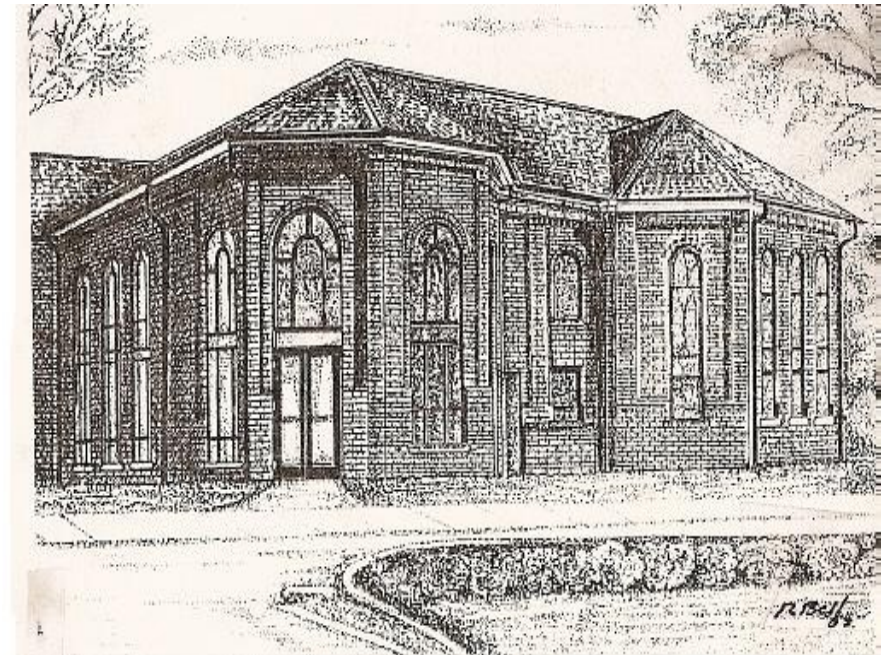
Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving...

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 12, 2021
Rally Day
10:30 a.m.



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Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

(The prayer continues, ending with "...the universal church and the heavenly choir." Congregation joins in singing the Sanctus, GTG # 559)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

(The prayer continues until "Great is Thy mystery of Faith." Congregation joins in singing: 'Christ Has Died; Christ Has Risen' GTG # 560)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... and 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.

(After the Lord's Prayer, congregation join in singing 'Amen' GTG # 561)

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion: The Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

GTG # 721

Benediction

Postlude: "Lift High the Cross"

David Cherwien

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