

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Service for the Lords Day
with **Holy Communion**

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022



St. James' Church, Glenbeigh, County Kerry, Ireland, Photo by: Andreas F. Borchert

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

The bounty of life is shared two times this first week of August 2022. The first bounty of life given to us was Wednesday. Twenty-five or so units of blood were donated to the American Red Cross to help save lives. Thank you to all in our church and community and the nurses with the Red Cross that make this possible. You are a blessing! In such an unselfish act, those able to give blood make a difference in the lives of those who need the blood to sustain their lives.

The second bounty of life given to us will be this Sunday in the fellowship hall of our church in worship. Every first Sunday of the month the people of God gather around the table of our Lord Jesus to receive the spiritual nourishment of life in the body of Christ broken for us and the blood of Jesus shed for the world. Jesus freely, lovingly gave all he had to save our lives and the life of the whole world. Come to worship this Sunday, fellowship, and be strengthened for service through the loving, unselfish act of Jesus, which sustains our lives. Jesus is also such a blessing!

May the grace and peace of our Lord be yours in abundance,

Jim



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Preparation for Worship (Read before service for quiet meditation):

The late Reformed theologian Dr. Shirley Guthrie wrote about "faith": "Very simply put, faith is trust.... It is not believing in a book, but believing in the God we come to know in the book. Christian faith is ... confidence in the God who saves. The faith we have been talking about, in other words, is a kind of personal relationship – a total commitment of ourselves to the living God whose trustworthiness has been proved by God's powerful and loving action for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ."

(Guthrie, Christian Doctrine (revised edition), p. 323)

Prelude "What Wondrous Love Is This" Billie Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. James Moran

Introit "Christ Beside Me" Choir

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 107:1-9)

Leader: Our ancestors cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.

People: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: For God's steadfast love we give thanks to the Lord, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

People: For God satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry God fills with good things.

***Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" (all 5 verses) # 361

***Call to Confession** (Psalm 85:2-4, 7)

Leader: The Psalmist reminds the Almighty of God's mercy: "You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You pardoned all their sin.

People: You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.

Leader: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us.

People: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation."

Leader: Trusting in the mercy of God and assured of the Lord's steadfast love, we confess our sinfulness, praying:

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Faithful God, You call us to paths unknown. Even when we cannot see the destination, You invite us to trust Your Spirit's leading. Countless generations have borne witness that You keep Your covenant promises, but we fail to trust You completely. We arrogantly trust more in our own limited wisdom than in your boundless faithfulness. Forgive our unbelief in Your promise of forgiveness and salvation. Give us a willing heart to follow Your call wherever it leads. Grant that we be counted among Your faithful so that we may testify of Your rich mercy and steadfast love, through the name of our Lord Jesus.

(time of silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon** (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Leader: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

People: For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand to be our way of life."

Leader: My friends, believe the good news: through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

Pastoral Prayer

A Time for Young Christians (Third grade and up please remain in worship)

Pastor Jim

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Page 225-226, NT Pew Bible

Anthem

“In Remembrance of Me” (Medley)

Choir

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 12:32-40

Page 75, NT Pew Bible

Sermon

“Keep the Lights On”

Rev. Jim Moran

***Affirmation of Faith**

“The Confession of 1967” (9.54-.55, [The Book of Confessions](#))

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

The Offertory

***Doxology**

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer

*Hymn

"What a Friend we Have in Jesus"

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*Charge

Leader: Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.

People: **We shall wait for the Master's return.**

*Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

*Benediction Response

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

Choir



Flowers were given this week by...

James & Lori Smith

in Honor of

Their Parents

and to the Glory of God.



Pick Up!!!



If you donated any items to be used for VBS, they are ready to be picked up. All items are in the Chapel. Please stop by and pick up your items as soon as possible. Thank you again for all of your help in making VBS such a huge success.



McGrew Memorial Carillon

As many of you may have noticed and hopefully have heard the church has a new carillon. Brent and Kate Canady graciously donated a new carillon to the church!! The donation was made in Memory of Kate's grandmother, Amie Coldwell McGrew. Mrs. McGrew was a very active, lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church. The carillon was delivered and installed in time to celebrate her birthday. And what a better way, it would have been Mrs. McGrew's 123rd Birthday. We hope you will remember her or others when you hear the carillon.

This is an email the church received that I wanted to share with everyone:

Dear Presbyterians, As your next-door neighbor, it makes me very happy to hear your chimes back in operation again after their long silence. Best wishes, bw-

We Have a "New" Youth Advisor

FPC is thrilled to announce that we have a new staff member!

Jennie Kate (Conley) Pendergrass has agreed to become our new Youth Advisor.

If you are a member of our youth or the parent of a youth, look forward to hearing from Jennie Kate VERY SOON. She will be offering at least one youth activity a month, teaching Sunday School, and be a confidant/mentor/counselor for our youth.

Some of you may remember that Jennie Kate was our youth advisor one summer several years ago. She understands and values the importance of her role.

Thank you, Jennie Kate, and to our youth.... congratulations on landing an amazing leader!!!

Jennie Kate began her new role on August 1st.



SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH GROUP

starts back Sept. 11th, Join us 4pm-6pm!!!

Please make plans to join us for fellowship, food and fun.

Bring your friends with you to join us on Sunday evenings.

Dinner will be provided by a different family each week.

We need your help with dinners...

There is a sign-up sheet next to the flower calendar in the hallway on the bulletin board or you can just let Chenel know.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Family & Friends of Jim Crabb (Pat Thomas's Brother-in-law)
Lana Craig (Member)
Sandra Crowell (Relative of Donna Sepull)
Evelyn Davidson (Member)
Family & Friends of Virginia Delatorre (Trena Little's sister)
Paige Martin Fague (Friend of Ginger Shofner)
Edwin & Elaine Holcombe (Members)
Fred Hunt (Member)
K. & S. Kennedy (Friends of Marylyn Caperton)
Tony & Carolyn Matusek (Member)
Blake & Renee Nixon (Friends of Brent & Kate Canady)
Jennie Schutte-Patrick (Bea Marsh's Sister-in-law)
Family & Friends of Jean Stimpson (Charles Stimpson's mother)



LT Andy Canady
(Member)

Airman Chase Blanton
(Member)

Those in Military Service
and their families

Those who are serving
abroad and at home

Names for the Prayer List will remain on the list for 60 days. If you would like someone to remain on the list beyond the 60 days, please contact the church office.

*Happy
Birthday*

August 8th
Pearlee Mays

August 9th
Lynne Sain

August 12th
Cathy Powell

August 13th
Ginny Saylor

August 14th
James Caperton, Jr.



August 5th	AA Meeting 1:00pm
August 8th	Property Meeting 5:00pm Mission Meeting 5:30pm Faith Dev. Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
August 9th	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
August 10th	"The Shack" Bible Study 6:00pm
August 11th	AA Meeting 7:00pm
August 12th	AA Meeting 1:00pm
August 14th	Bring your Good Samaritan Donations
August 15th	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
August 16th	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
August 17th	"The Shack" Bible Study 6:00pm
August 18th	AA Meeting 7:00pm
August 19th	AA Meeting 1:00pm
August 22nd	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm



Sunday, August 7, 2022

Ushers/Greeters

Nancy June Brandon

Belinda Craig

Pat Marsh & Brenda Skelton

Communion Prep: **Helen Garner & Trena Little**

Communion Servers: **Ginger Shofner, Richard Smith, Drew Turner**

Flowers: **James & Lori Smith**

A Time for Young Christians

Pastor Jim

Hall Monitor

Marylyn Caperton

Children's Church

Christy Jensen

Nursery

Lisa Turner

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Ushers/Greeters

Norma Zae Jensen

Charlotte Williams

Terry & Ginny Saylor

Flowers: **Jim & Marylyn Caperton**

A Time for Young Christians

Marylyn Caperton

Hall Monitor

Richard Smith

Children's Church

Belinda Craig

Nursery

Lauren Smith

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Ushers/Greeters

Helen Garner

Pat Thomas

Bailey & Trena Little

Flowers: **Ginger, Willa Kate, & Ann Shofner**

A Time for Young Christians

Connie Crafton

Hall Monitor

Rob Marsh

Children's Church

Christy Jensen

Nursery

Mary Marsh

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I wish I had the phone number for...**

You can find it all on your phone when you register to get access to the Church Directory. It is EASY. It will take less than 5 minutes.

Go to the App Store, search for Instant Church Directory and download the FREE app to begin. You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN. This is a free app. Please register and look at your information. Questions, Comments, Concerns or just plain don't know where to start? Don't hesitate to contact the church office.

