

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Service for the Lords Day

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022



Giovanni da San Giovanni (3/20/1592 – 12/9/1636), also known as Giovanni Mannozi, was an Italian painter of the early Baroque period. The painting in the choir and the apse calotte of Santi Quattro Coronati was accomplished by Giovanni da San Giovanni between 1622 and 1624 on commission from Cardinal Garzia Mellini.

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

It has been suggested that *Hebrews* is not a letter but a sermon, a long sermon, “heroic in length.” The letter calls itself a “word of exhortation” in 13:22. (Long, Interpretation, *Hebrews*, p. 2) If you want to know what faith is, then read chapter 11 of the “Letter to the Hebrews.” The chapter begins with the definition of faith: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Then the Preacher in Hebrews adds, “Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval,” implying the approval of God. (11:2) The next thirty-six verses of chapter 11 is a roll call of the faithful in the Old Testament from Abel to David to those who wandered in caves and holes in the ground. None of them received what was promised to them, though they received approval from God. The Preacher gives the reason in 11:40: “since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.” The “something better” is Jesus Christ, the hoped-for Messiah to save the people of God. The heavenly roll call has gone on throughout biblical history because our loving God is waiting on “us,” that is, whoever is hearing the word of God from the Preacher today.

Saying all of that leads me to think about those who lived by faith in my life, in my family history. These faithful are my parents, grandparents, great grandparents; my Sunday school teachers, youth workers, and church members at Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church in Dublin, Georgia; my ministers, teachers/professors, and mentors; and members of the churches I have served, such a blessed group of witnesses. Think about the great cloud of witnesses who surround you in your life of faith.

May the hope in and faith of Jesus be yours in abundance ,

Jim



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

Catholic priest and hermit Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916 (martyred)) wrote this prayer: "Father, I abandon myself into your hands. Do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I will thank you. I am ready for all; I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, as in all your creatures. And I'll ask nothing else, my Lord." (Common Prayer, Claiborne, Wilson-Hartgrove, Okoro, p. 399)

Chiming of the Hour

McGrew Carillon

Prelude

"On Eagles Wings with Be Thou My Vision"

Billie Crowell

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. James Moran

Introit

"Precious Lord Take My Hand" (verse 1)

Choir

*Call to Worship

(from Psalm 145:1-3, 8-9, 23)

Leader: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless You, and praise Your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; His greatness is unsearchable.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.

People: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

*Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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*Call to Confession

(Jeremiah 31:33-34)

Leader: The prophet Jeremiah said, "This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel, says the Lord: 'I will put my law within them,

People: And I will write upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people....

Leader: I will forgive their evil deeds,

People: And I will remember their sin no more."

Leader: In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to our merciful God:

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of peace and judgment, You sent Jesus to be our pioneer, to blaze for us the path that leads to life and blessing. But we are afraid to follow His way to the cross. We are more eager to avoid suffering than to embrace the joy of following Him. Forgive us for heeding our fears, rather than Christ's call. Enable us by Your Spirit to set aside every burden that holds us back from following Jesus. Strengthen us to persevere in faithfully looking to Jesus and trusting our destiny into Your good hands, whether in life or in death.

(time of silent confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

(2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

Leader: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

People: All this is from God, Who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

Leader: My friends, believe the good news: through Jesus Christ, God forgives our sins.

*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 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.

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

Marylyn Caperton

Prayer for Illumination

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 12:49-56

Page 75, NT Pew Bible

Anthem

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Choir

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Page 226, NT Pew Bible

Sermon

"Witnesses Along the Race Course"

Rev. Jim Moran

***Affirmation of Faith**

"The Theological Declaration of Barmen" (8.16-.18, The Book of Confessions)

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body [is] joined and knit together."
(Eph. 4:15-16)

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn**

"My Faith Looks up to Thee"

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***Charge**

Leader: Fix your eyes of Jesus.

People: Run with perseverance the race set before you.

***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**

"Precious Lord Take My Hand" (verse 2)

Choir



Flowers were given this week by...

*Jim & Marylyn Caperton
in Honor of their
50th Wedding Anniversary
and to the Glory of God.*



Pick Up!!!



Please pick up anything you donated for VBS, they are in the Chapel. If you donated an item you do NOT want back please let Chenel or Christy know. Thank you again for all of your help in making VBS such a huge success.



Your Faith Development Committee invites you to join us for food and fellowship as we kick off Rally Day with a "Sunday School Celebration"

Sunday, September 11, 9:15-9:45
ELA Classroom / Chapel
Breakfast finger foods will be served



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

Lana Craig (Member)
Sandra Crowell (Relative of Donna Sepull)
Evelyn Davidson (Member)
Paige Martin Fague (Friend of Ginger Shofner)
Edwin & Elaine Holcombe (Members)
Fred Hunt (Member)
K. & S. Kennedy (Friends of Marylyn Caperton)
Tony & Carolyn Matussek (Member)
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 15th
Nikki Turner

August 18th
Bea Marsh

August 20th
Ashley Segroves



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
August 23rd	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
August 24th	"The Shack" Bible Study 6:00pm
August 25th	AA Meeting 7:00pm
August 26th	Book Club @ NeverRest Park 9:30am AA Meeting 1:00pm
August 29th	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
August 30th	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm



Sunday, August 14, 2022

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Norma Zae Jensen	Marylyn Caperton	Belinda Craig
Brent Canady	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Bailey & Trena Little	Richard Smith	Lauren Smith
Flowers: Jim & Marylyn Caperton		

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Helen Garner	Connie Crafton	Christy Jensen
Pat Thomas	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Terry & Ginny Saylor	Rob Marsh	Mary Marsh
Flowers: Ginger, Willa Kate, & Ann Shofner		

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Christy Jensen	Kate Canady	Katherine Marsh
Melanie Hamilton	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Richard & Kathy Smith	Ginny Saylor	Pat Thomas

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