

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020 11:00am

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "Partita on 'Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray'" arr. Timothy Albrecht

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "How Lovely, Lord" Hal H. Hopson
Psalm 84

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Blessed are those whose help is in the Lord God,
People: whose hope is in the Lord their God.
Liturgist: The Lord reigns forever for all generations.
People: We gather in the trust that he is our good and faithful God.
All: Let us worship our merciful and trustworthy Lord!

HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting,

Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light, thine angels adore Thee,

All veiling their sight; All praise we would render, O help us to see:

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

**We confess our sin, O God. We have hoarded what we have and grasped for more.
We have not noticed those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind, and we
do not oppose systems that oppress. Forgive us, purify us, and remake us, that we might
love as you love. For the sake of Jesus, we pray. (continue in silent prayer)**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of self-interest.

People: Be at peace, for in Jesus we find our way home again.

Liturgist: We find our home of forgiveness, love and restoration.

People: As we prepare to hear God's word, we celebrate God's deep love.

RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS *Glory Be to the Father* (Hymn 579)

**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. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING First Corinthians 12: 12-27

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Come, Thou Fount" setting Craig Courtney
Marsha Roberts & Chandler Bryan

GOSPEL READING John 17: 20-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON God's Vision for the Church Rev. Edgar McCall

MUSIC SELECTION "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Timothy Albrecht

AFFIRMATION of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (Hymnal, Page 14 Traditional)

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, Page 16)

MOMENT for STEWARDSHIP and DEDICATION

HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;

And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

And perfect love and fellowship reign through all eternity.

CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Recessional" Francesco Manfredini, 1680-1737

Congregational responses are printed in bold.



FAMILIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Harvey Eden
 John & Angie Elsberry
 Bob Featherstone
 Robert & Betsy Folks

PASTORAL NEEDS: The Session desires to be informed when members and friends of the church are in need of pastoral care and support. During office hours, please call the church at 283-3329, to ensure the elder under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

Prayer Concerns

Unless a prayer request is renewed or the health condition is acute, names will stay on the prayer list for one month.

Please pray for our members: James & Martha Jo Mahaffey; Martha & Ervin Robinson; Cindy Ruh; Ann Mori; Robert Lee & Annie Sue Steele; Ned Gregory.

Friends of the church: Libby Woodruff; Debbie Spaugh; Jim Thompson; TJ Wilmore; Michelle Tarantino; Amaryllis Boger; Robert Stephenson, Jr.; Fred Burton; Megan Mathews; Matthew Sweatt; Norma Cooler; Mildred & Luther Thomas; Scott Walker; Brian Melton; family of Mrs. Cleveland Hager.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: October 18, 2020 – October 24, 2020

Sunday	11:00 am	Worship - Live Stream
	5:15 pm	Session Meeting conference call
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Sunday School via Zoom

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>10/11/20</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,934.00	\$ 161,294.00
Amount Received	<u>3,260.00</u>	<u>153,984.44</u>
	\$ <u>(314.00)</u>	\$ <u>(7,309.56)</u>

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is a congregation dedicated to **Living God's Word and Sharing God's Love.** With a variety of opportunities for Christian education, worship, spiritual growth, Christian fellowship and outreach ministry, we hope you will find your church home here. Experience the community of faith at FPC. **Our hearts, our minds and our doors are open.**

We are centered in the worship of God and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. As Christ's disciples we strive to build vibrant lives, strong families and a fellowship in which members care for and love one another and together seek the well-being of our city, state and world. By the power of the Holy Spirit we seek to develop a vital preaching and teaching ministry, aimed at drawing men and women to Christ; healing, comforting and nurturing each in the faith; equipping each with the knowledge for service to Christ and effectively obtaining peace in all walks of life.

The **CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE** seeks your involvement in discerning whom God is calling to serve as elder for our congregation. The CNC welcomes your suggestions of names of persons you believe are called to serve as elders. The CNC will prayerfully consider these names as they develop a slate of nominees. You may speak with a member of the CNC about your suggestions for elders. The members of the committee are: Jennifer Bryan, Martha Johnson, Jim Morton, Diana Threatt and Mary Jo Yarborough.

A NOTE FROM EDGAR. I enjoy having social-distanced 'front porch visits' with church members. I have also visited in backyards, carports and driveways with folks. All visits are socially-distant, but still enable time for fellowship and prayer. If you would like such a visit, please contact me and I would be glad to come visit.

STEWARDSHIP. Our **stewardship presentation** will be held **October 25th** during worship. Treasurer, Phil Neely will outline the ministry summary and review a proposed budget for 2021. Our stewardship focus is about much more than just meeting a budget. The faithful and generous support of the congregation ensures First Presbyterian Church moves forward in service to Christ in 2021.

ALL SAINTS SERVICE. **Sunday, November 1st** we will rejoice with an All Saints Service. We will celebrate the resurrection and give thanks for those who have entered the Church Triumphant since last November. Together celebrating the lives of church members that have entered God's glory – *Max Clyburn, Adele Williams, John McCulloch and Linda Helms.* A bell will be rung and a candle lit to honor their lives and our hope for life eternal.

