

February 9, 2020

Eleven O'clock

5th Sunday after Epiphany
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We're delighted that you're here! Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubts, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you.

PRELUDE In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729 J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INTROIT Come, Let Us Worship God (responsive) Ray Makeever

Come, let us worship God. Come, let us worship God. Welcome everyone to the love of God. Come, let us worship God. Come, let us worship God. Welcome everyone to the love of God.

Food for the hungry. Rest for the weary. Welcome everyone to the love of God. Food for the hungry. Rest for the weary. Welcome everyone to the love of God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: You are the salt of the earth. Jesus said: You are the light of the world. Sometimes our faith grows bland and our light grows dim, But here, in God's presence, our faith is re-seasoned and our hope is rekindled, so that we can be the salt and light that Jesus calls us to be. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 23 God, You Spin the Whirling Planet PLEADING SAVIOR

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor, we refuse to listen to cries for justice, we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

*KYRIE 577 O Lord, Have Mercy KYRIE ELEISON(Reindorf)

Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD(Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

(Please greet one another with: "The peace of Christ be with you."/ "And also with you.")

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SUNG INVITATION Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 58:1-12 The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Make a Joyful Noise F. Couperin

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-20 The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON A Taste of Salt Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 314 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***

We believe in Jesus Christ, our savior and liberator, the expression of God's redeeming and restoring love, the mark of humanness, source of courage, power, and love, God of God, light of light, ground of our humanity.

We believe that God resides in slums, lives in broken homes and hearts, suffers our loneliness, rejection, and powerlessness. But through death and resurrection God gives life, pride, and dignity, provides the content of our vision, offers the context of our struggle, promises liberation to the oppressor and the oppressed, hope to those in despair, vision to the blind.

We believe in the activity of the Holy Spirit who revives our decaying soul, revives our decaying spirits, renews our sense of wholeness and reminds us of our responsibility in ushering in God's new order here and now.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row. To be directed to our online giving site, please use your smartphone to scan here:



THE OFFERTORY As the Deer M. Nystrom

*THE DOXOLOGY 607 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning KEEP YOUR LAMPS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Our Going and Coming

Our going and coming, our end and beginning, are safe in your keeping, God, our endless blessing.

*POSTLUDE Voluntary in D D. Scarlatti

*Please stand as you are able.

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***From In God's Image, Yong Ting Jin, 1986

WE WELCOME VISITORS Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at www.fpcbham.org.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, our Session meets on the *first Sunday of the month* in the Chapel following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

FOR CHILDREN: Children's bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. We love having kids in worship, but the following alternatives are also available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 go to the balcony, where they experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children's bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord's Supper or Baptism are celebrated, children return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

LET THE BELLS PLAY! Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please use the Prayer Request and Information Change cards, found in the pew rack, to relay information to the church office. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office and place it in the offering plate.

SERMONS are available from our website at www.fpcbham.org.

The LITURGIST for today is Scott Pierce.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST LIGHT, INC. is a mission center of FPC, giving shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light's website: www.firstlightshelter.org

RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO) has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org.

THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center's website is www.eprdc.com

FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at daniel@faal.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

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