



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Prelude

Panis Angelicus
Roza Tulyaganova, soprano

Cesar Franck

Opening Sentences and Prayer

"Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." (Matthew 10:42)

Opening Hymn: # 687

"Our God Our Help in Ages Past"

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Confession and Pardon

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Prayer Response: Hymn # 658

God Is So Good

God is so good – God's so good to me!
God cares for me – God's so good to me!
God loves me so – God's so good to me!
God is so good – God's so good to me!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon

"Hospitality"

Reverend B.J. Chain

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE

Offering

Musical Offering

Amazing Grace
Roza Tulyaganova, soprano

Arr. Craig Courtney

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

SENDING

Charge and Blessing

Sending Hymn: # 384

"Soon and Very Soon"

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more crying there; we are going to see the King (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Please join in unison reading of the bold print

Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator
Cathy Young, Clerk
Class of 2020
Bonnie Boyd-4
Eric Waits-4
Fran Brown-1
Class of 2021
Brad Beckham-3
Dennis Harmon-2
Don Whitman-4
Cathy Young-1
Class of 2022
Tom Hatcher-2
Hope Oakes-3
Becky Owings-1
Alan Smith-2
Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Diaconate

Class of 2020
Gary Goodwin-4
Lee Hackett-1
Jo Shumake-1
Class of 2021
Collene Albright-3
Taylor Richardson-2
Class of 2022
Elizabeth Lott-4
Emma Richardson-3
Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

**We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!**

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshipers (birth through six years old). Miss Scherrel Sturdivant has cared for many little Presbyterians and friends over the years. Her Assistant is Mileka Nelson.

Restrooms are located on both floors in the Education Building. Follow the signs or ask a friendly face who will be happy to help you find anything you need.

Prayer Concerns

Jim & Jane Hunt
Health Concerns

James Jones
Health Concerns

John Earhart
Health Concerns

Dustin Dollar
Continued Recovery

Robert Tomlinson
(Christy Lee's Husband)
Continued Recovery

RE & Maridith Geuder
Surgery Recovery

The Richardson Family
In the loss of Emma's Mother
Martha Ella Perkins Brown

Leigh Wallace—17 years old
(Niece of Sam & Victoria Bobo')
Undergoing treatment for
Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Adele Bruchey
Health Concerns

The Feland Family
In the loss of Ms. Beth Feland

Leasha Aldridge Jones
Shannon Bowen's Sister-In-Law
Recently suffered a stroke
in ICU in Tupelo

If you'd like to add a name to the prayer list, please use the book on the table in the Narthex.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

1. Indoor Sunday worship services have returned! They will still look different. The services will continue to be shorter. In consideration of national, state, and local policies, these gatherings will include no more than 30 persons, properly distanced. **The services will occur at 10 a.m.**

2. Wearing facemasks are strongly encouraged.

3. The services will be made available via live-stream on YouTube!

4. Committee meetings and other church gatherings are allowable as long as they adhere to social distancing guidelines. This means no more than 20 persons inside assuming proper social distancing.

We are all excited about a return to activity on the Hilltop, but we will continue to do so in the safest possible manner and constantly monitor the COVID-19 situation here in Lowndes County.

I want to emphasize that we can have no more than **30 persons** for Sunday worship at this time. I know this is unorthodox, but we will do what we have to in order to continue to keep our community safe. If you do come please take all necessary precautions. **Wearing facemasks is strongly encouraged!**

Overall, please continue to do what is best for you and your family's safety. I understand some of you will not be able to join us due to long-term care facility policies or a general concern for family members. **Please be aware that virtual services will continue to be posted** for all who are unable to attend these abbreviated outdoor services.

Thank you for your continued patience! I cannot wait to begin seeing everyone again. Please e-mail, call, or text me with any questions or concerns you may have.

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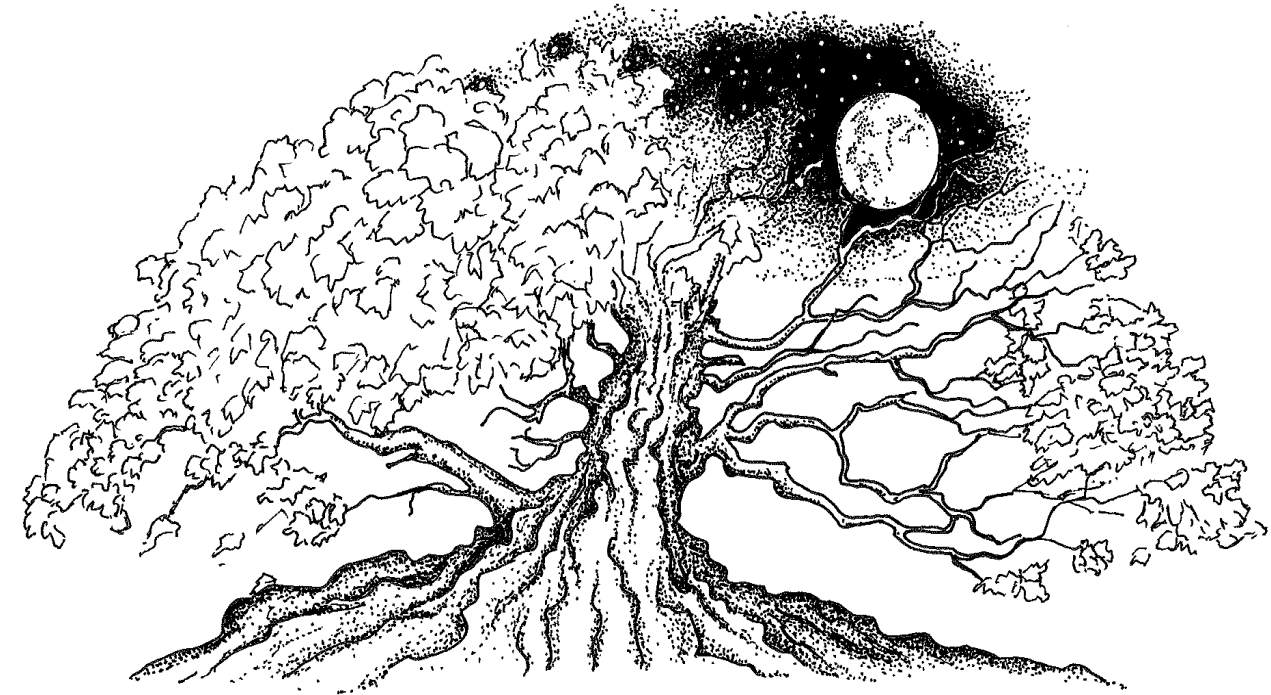
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First Presbyterian Church Columbus, Mississippi



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Hospitality”

Reverend B. J. Chain
June 28, 2020

