



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter

August 25, 2019



Our closing hymn this Sunday is the time honored African American spiritual, *I've Got Peace Like a River*. There are three verses in this hymn and in each a different thing is compared to a river. I've got *peace* like a river. I've got *love* like a river. I've got *joy* like a river.

During the slavery era of our national history, African Americans were prohibited from learning fundamentals that we take for granted like reading and writing. Slave owners also regularly prohibited slaves from organizing Christian worship. Plantation owners might hire white preachers to conduct worship for their slaves, however, the sermons generally promoted a subservience and obedience which benefitted plantation culture.

Simultaneously, an invisible church developed and grew among slaves. People were called to worship events through spoken code phrases and when they gathered, worshippers sang spirituals that also had double meanings. A spiritual might appear to speak to salvation in Christ, but the hidden message had to do with liberation from slavery and oppression.

Surely Jesus, God in Christ, brings peace and Jesus brings love and Jesus brings joy. And just as surely God has brought redemption from oppressive regimes and social structures. This Sunday's sermon will explore this matter in Luke's gospel and in the Old Testament. We will also sing the spiritual and rejoice.

See you Sunday,

Allen

SUNDAY, August 25, 2019

**Join us as we gather for worship of our
Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ**

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 5:15

New Testament: Luke 13:10-17

Sermon: “Keeping the Sabbath”

Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, August 25, 2019		SERVING SUNDAY, September 1, 2019	
Acolyte	Grace Wilhelm	Lay Liturgist	Brent Canady
Lay Liturgist	Charlotte Williams	Ushers/Greeters	John Marsh Pat Marsh Rob Marsh Randy Reed
Ushers/Greeters	Kristin Conley Helen Garner Mike Matusek Geneva Melson	Hall Monitor	Kathy Smith
Hall Monitor	Linda Anderton	A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady	Children’s Church	TBD
Children’s Church	Kristin Wilhelm	Nursery	Katherine Marsh
Nursery	Bea Marsh	Serving Holy Communion: Tommy Anderton, Kristin Conley, Margaret Smith	



Monday, September 2nd
Church Office will be closed.



Parent's Day Out Begins	Sept. 3rd
Rally Day	Sept. 8th
5 ¢ A Meal	Sept. 8th
Happy Grandparents Day	Sept. 8th
Mission Meeting	Sept. 9th
Faith Development Meeting	Sept. 9th
Property Meeting	Sept. 9th
PW Fall Kick-Off	Sept. 10th
PYC Begins	Sept. 11th
Pastoral Care	Sept. 17th
Community Soup Kitchen	Sept. 21st
Fundraiser at 1st Methodist	
PYC Youth will serve	

SESSION MEETING-Monday, Sept. 23rd
at 5:30pm

5th Sunday Potluck Lunch	Sept. 29th
Book Club	Sept. 29th 3:30pm
<u>"My Own Words"</u>	by Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Good Samaritan
Beef Ravioli

Peanut Butter is 'always' needed.



Tuesday, September 10th

Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Quest Speaker:

Lunch Catered by Southern Connection

Cost: \$8.00

Pay at the luncheon

Day Circle will **NOT** meet

Night Circle will meet at 6:30pm

*If you would like to carpool to the Night Circle, please
be in the church parking lot by 6:10pm*



Rally Sunday

September 8th

Christian Education Kick-Off

Breakfast 9:00am

Youth will be conducting Worship Service
Bibles will be presented to our 2nd and 6th
graders.



**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS**

Wednesday Nights Beginning

September 11th

Dinner at 5:30pm

Children's Bible Study 6-6:30pm

Children will be dismissed

Youth Bible Study 6-7:00pm

*If you wish to prepare a meal, there is a sign
up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.*