



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Shelbyville, Tennessee
Sunday, October 4, 2020
with Holy Communion



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am finally getting settled in here at the church. I am looking forward to the committee meetings the first week of October. With the restrictions in place due to the pandemic our traditional ways of getting to know one another have been put on hold so I am glad to have an opportunity to meet some of you in a more “normal” setting.

As of now I have the following committees scheduled to meet next week:

Property Committee – Monday, October 5th – 5PM

Faith Development – Tuesday, October 6th – 5:30PM

*Nominating Committee – Wednesday, October 7th – 4:30PM

Worship and Music Committee – Wednesday, October 7th – 5:30PM

If you are a member of one of these committees, please put it on your calendar or in your phone.

If you are not a member but are interested in how it helps prosper the work and witness of FPC you are welcome to come and sit in on the conversation.

- ***I will remind you that this coming Monday, October 5th is the deadline for getting names into the Nominating Committee as they seek to discern those whom God is lifting-up to be our leaders in the coming years.***

In case you don't have it, my contact information is: cell phone 205-283-1542 and my email address in taylor todd57@gmail.com.

I would advise texting me before you call. I rarely answer numbers I don't recognize. You can also let it ring through and leave a voicemail and I will return your call.

There is a third way to contact me and that is to come by the office! I will be in the office most of the time in these early weeks. Under normal circumstances I would already be setting up visits with members of the congregation but under the current circumstances I'm hesitant to do that.

If you would like me to come by for a home visit, please let me know and we will work something out.

Last thing: If you have something for our newsletter, **Anchor Links**, please get it in to Shirley ASAP. I believe she is working on it now.

Again, it is good to be here and in ministry with you. This should be a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to it.
Take care and stay safe.

Taylor

Worship Liturgy for Sunday, October 4, 2020

With Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

Children and Youth Announcements

Cindy Lamb

Prelude

Billie Crowell

Call to Worship:

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

Leader: God calls us to service,

People: rather than honor.

Leader: God call us to love the unknown,

People: rather than the familiar.

Leader: We come to this time of worship,

People: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Leader: Let us worship God

Prayer of Preparation

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Most Holy and Merciful God; we acknowledge and confess before You; our sinful nature which is prone to evil and negligent in good. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from Your ways; In wasting Your gifts; In forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all the things we have done to displease You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; And forgive our sins; For the sake of Your dear Son. And O most Holy and Loving God; help us, we pray: to live in Your light and walk in Your ways; According to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri (instrumental)**

Billie Crowell

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A Time for Young Christians

Connie Crafton

Children's Church

Cindy Lamb

*Children's Church Curriculum is designed for all children through 5th grade.
However, all children are welcome to remain in Worship.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19 and Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon: "The Fruits of the Kingdom"

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

Music: "This is My Father's House"

Billie Crowell

***Profession of Faith** The Scots Confession 3.01

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory.

Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

Doxology (instrumental)

Billie Crowell

Prayer of Dedication

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Communion of the People

Prayers of the people and The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 power and the glory forever. Amen

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

Billie Crowell

Call for Nominations Officer Class of 2023

First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, Tennessee

Over the rich history of our church we have been blessed with dedicated leadership from those elected by the congregation to serve as ruling elders and trustees. Now it is time again to nominate from among our members those who will make up the class of 2023, and we will again call upon you to help us identify our new leadership by filling out this nomination form. Think of those members you know who have shown a special dedication to the church, would bring a needed talent or expertise, or who might like to serve but have been hesitant to step forward. Or if you yourself feel called to serve, do not hesitate to put down your own name.

Please use the forms on the bottom and reverse of this sheet to nominate church members. All nominations are welcome and will be seriously considered by the nominating committee.

You may give your nominations to Rev. Todd, place it in an envelope and leave in the collection plate, or mail it to the church office at 600 North Brittain Street.

The deadline is Monday, October 5th.

Listed below are members of First Presbyterian Church **who are not eligible** for nomination at this time because of service on the Trustees or the Session:

RULING ELDERS (The Session)

Class of 2020

Kate Canady

Michal Dobson

Carol Magnuson

Mike Matussek

Class of 2021

Rob Marsh

Leo Skelton

Margaret Smith

Lea Anne Windham

Class of 2022

Aaron Crafton

Melanie Hamilton

Ginger Shofner

Richard Smith

TRUSTEES

Class of 2020

Bailey Little

Class of 2021

Kathy Smith

Class of 2022

Pat Thomas

As you nominate, prayerfully consider the following attributes for leaders in our church:

Exemplary Christ-centered living, attendance at Church events, pastoral and compassionate caring for others, a sharing attitude, a desire to learn through God's Word and strong aspirations to serve God and others through the church.

You may print and complete the form on the next page and bring it to church on Sunday or drop it by the church office on Monday, October 5th!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nominations for the Office of Trustee: (1)

The nominating committee invites your nomination for the office of Trustee. Nominees should be active members of First Presbyterian Church who demonstrate faith, dedication, and good judgment. Trustees serve as members of the Board of Trustees, which is responsible for the financial and capital holdings of the congregation (Including personal property, funds and real property).

Please list your nominees for Trustee:

Permission from the person you are nominating is not necessary at this time.

Nominations for the Office of Ruling Elder: (4)

The nominating committee invites your nominations for the office of Ruling Elder. Nominees should be active members of First Presbyterian Church who demonstrate faith, dedication, and good judgment. Elders serve as members of the Session, which is responsible for the mission and government of the church.

Each ruling elder will serve within one of the following areas, so please nominate people whose gifts fall within these categories:

Administration, Property, Finance: Has gifts of organizing, managing finances, maintaining and improving church facilities, understanding and supporting personnel

Please list your nominees for Ruling Elder:

Faith Development, Worship, Music, Mission: Has gifts and a heart for educating all ages, ministering with youth, reaching out to the “least of these”, planning worship, incorporating arts into our church.

Please list your nominees for Ruling Elder:

Pastoral Care, Evangelism, New Member, Fellowship: Has gifts for sharing hospitality, reaching out to people in our community who need a church family, caring for the sick, hurting and grieving members of our church family, creating a welcoming church environment, planning fun events

Please list your nominees for Ruling Elder:

Permission from the person you are nominating is not necessary at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Sunday, October 4 2020

YOUTH MINISTRY-Sunday, October 4, 6-7:30pm. **#Comforting Kids**. Please bring these items to the church office gently: used stuffed animals and kid's flannel blankets or you may make a monetary donation by making your gift payable to FPC Youth Fund. Thank You for your donations!!!



MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH-Nominations are due for Class of 2023 Session of Elders and Trustee
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH-Bring your food donation for Good Samaritan.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH-Night Circle 6:30pm-Russell Classroom-PLEASE WEAR A MASK!



"THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS" ~Play practice Wednesdays 4:00-5:30pm.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Property-Monday, 5th at 5:00pm; Faith Development-Tuesday, 6th at 5:30pm; Worship & Music-Wednesday, 7th at 5:30pm; Mission-Monday, 12th at 5:30pm; Session-Monday, 19th at 5:30pm; Pastoral Care-Tuesday, 20th at 10:00am



CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

The Family of Steve Beech (Father of Kristin Wilhelm)

Bob & Alice Durio (Members)

Cory Hartbarger (Member)

Margaret Jarrell (Member)

Dr. Chuck Patrick (Father of Bea Marsh)

The Families and Friends of Ray & Frances Rowland (Friend of Billie Crowell)

Jim Sepull (Member)

Mathew Corson (Nephew of Charlotte Williams)

Pat Edmiston (Friend of Christy Jensen)

Chad Hunter (Cousin of Ginger Shofner)

Carolyn Matusek (Member)

Gail Parsons (Member)

Steve Slack (Friend of Kate Canady)

Those serving in our military: **LT Andy Canady** (Member); Airman **Chase Blanton** (Member)

Those serving abroad and at home.



****PLEASE WEAR A MASK****



SERVING OCTOBER 4, 2020

Greeters **Adrian Bomar & Melanie Hamilton**

Hall Monitor **Leo Skelton**

A Time for Young Christians **Connie Crafton**

Children's Church **Cindy Lamb**

Nursery **Pat Thomas**

SERVING OCTOBER 11, 20

Greeters **Aaron & Connie Crafton**

Hall Monitor **Richard Smith**

A Time for Young Christians **Connie Crafton**

Children's Church **Cindy Lamb**

Nursery **Lisa Turner**

Note: Hall Monitors, please be sure all doors are locked.

pray

Help me to remember, O God, that my worth comes from Your goodness and grace. And open my eyes, God, to see the worth of my neighbor despite any differences I may have with them. Help me to see Your image in them and to treat them with dignity and kindness on this day.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.