



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Shelbyville, Tennessee
Sunday, October 11, 2020

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Dear Friends,

I hope this weekly email finds you all in good health. This past week has been a frightening reminder that the COVID-19 virus is still a very real and present danger. I urge you to follow those protocols that we know help curb the spread of the virus.

I have been pleased to see so many of you who attend Sunday morning activities in person wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, and social distancing as best as we can. Thank you.

We have a special Sunday coming up this week. We will be baptizing Evie Marsh during worship and we will be collecting your food donations for the Good Samaritan ministries. We will dedicate our gifts during the offertory.

Your Nominating Committee met last night. I want to thank all of you who submitted your nominees. We are now in the process of contacting those we believe accurately reflect the will of the congregation and with whom the committee concurs.

Speaking of committees, the Mission Committee will be meeting this coming Monday evening, October 12th at 5:30 P.M. If you are a member of that committee, we hope you will be able to attend.

If you are not a member of the committee you are still invited to sit in on our meeting to learn what your Mission Committee is doing to fulfill our vision of ministry.

The Night Circle will also be meeting next week on Tuesday October 13th. Their gathering begins at 6:30 PM.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is currently receiving and reviewing Personal Information Forms (PIFs) that either the national office in Louisville has matched us with or by self-referral. Please keep the members of your PNC in your prayers as they go about this most sacred task. For that matter keep your session members and your committees in your prayers as well as the ministry of this congregation. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, we are to pray without ceasing.

That seems like a good place to end, so I will. Take care and stay safe.

Grace and Peace,
Taylor

Worship Liturgy for Sunday, October 11, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

Children and Youth Announcements

Cindy Lamb

Prelude

Billie Crowell

Call to Worship:

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

Leader: Come, you who seek reconciliation with God and with one another. Come, you who are wandering with heavy hearts, Come, you who seek love's embrace.

People: This is the place to gather before our merciful God, a place to trust the grace and healing of God anew, a place in which we can be strengthened in the precious gift of love that comes from God.

ALL: Come let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Prayer of Preparation

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, who has come to set us free in Christ: we confess that we have not always lived in the proper freedom. Like the Israelites of old, we sometimes want to go back to the bondage of Egypt. We prefer the immediate gratification of our desires rather than sacrifice for long-term good. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We are in bondage to sin, free us, and renew us, that we may desire to do Your will and walk in Your ways, through Christ our Savior.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please welcome **Everette Elizabeth Marsh**, born, November 18 , 2019 whose parents, John and Bea Marsh are presenting her for the Sacrament of Baptism today. Jesus' love is surely witnessed through this family including grandparents Pat and Mary Marsh, Chuck and Patty Patrick.

"Jesus Loves Me"

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus Loves Me! Yes, Jesus Loves Me!*

Assisting Elder: Pat Marsh

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: Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon: "The Kingdom of Heaven is...." Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

Music: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" Billie Crowell

***Profession of Faith Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. Amen.

(New Revised Standard Version)

SEALING OF THE WORD

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

Doxology (instrumental)

Billie Crowell

Prayer of Dedication

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Sunday, October 11, 2020

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Everette (Evie) Elizabeth Marsh
Daughter of John and Bea Marsh and big sister, Mary Ruth. Grandparents: Pat and Mary Marsh, Chuck and Patty Patrick.



YOUTH MINISTRY—Sunday Nights 6-7:30pm

Please help our Youth with the following:

1. Furnishing Meals for Sunday Night
2. Project #Comforting Kids
3. Halloween Candy

You may make a monetary donation for the above. Please designate which you are sponsoring (i.e. Meals, #Comforting Kids, or Halloween Candy.) Place your donation in the collection plate or mail to the church at 600 N. Brittain St.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Mission-Monday, 12th at 5:30pm

Session-Monday, 19th at 5:30pm

Pastoral Care-Tuesday, 20th at 10:00am



SERVING OCTOBER 11, 2020

Greeters **Aaron & Connie Crafton**

Hall Monitor **Richard Smith**

Children's Church **Cindy Lamb**

Nursery **Lisa Turner**



SERVING OCTOBER 18, 2020

Greeters **Rob Marsh & Pat Thomas**

Hall Monitor **John Marsh**

A Time for Young Christians **Kate Canady**

Children's Church **Cindy Lamb**

Nursery **Mary Marsh**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Bring your food donation
for Good Samaritan



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Night Circle 6:30pm

Russell Classroom

Lesson #1 Lesson

Leader: **Connie Crafton**



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 4-5:30pm

Play Rehearsal

“THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS”



CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

Chase and Catherine Bartlett & their unborn Child

(Family of Aaron & Connie Crafton)

The Family of Steve Beech (Father of Kristin Wilhelm)

Mathew Croson (Nephew of Charlotte Williams)

Bob and Alice Durio (Members)

Pat Edmiston (Friend of Christy Jensen)

Gina Foutch (Daughter of Shirley Luscinski)

Cory Hartbarger (Member)

Kelli Hayn (Friend of Ginger Shofner)

Chad Hunter (Cousin of Ginger Shofner)

Margaret Jarrell (Member)

Carolyn Matusek (Member)

Gail Parsons (Member)

Dr. Chuck Patrick (Father of Bea Marsh)

Terry Saylor (Member)

Jim Sepull (Member)

Steve Slack (Friend of Kate Canady)

Sheila Withers (Friend of Shirley Luscinski)

Those in Military Service:

LT Andy Canady (Member)

Airman Chase Blanton (Member)

Those serving abroad and at home



Attention Greeters and Hall Monitors~Please be sure the doors are locked after Worship

Pray

Gracious God, today I ask that You help me to always be striving for the ultimate goal. Help me, dear Lord, to become more and more like You in all that I say and in all that I do today.
Amen.