

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE



Dear All,

First, I want to apologize for completely forgetting my weekly correspondence with you last week. I have moved it up on my weekly list of "things to do this week." I would say "it will never happen again" but I don't have that much confidence in myself. What I can say is this, "I will try and never let it happen again."

This past Sunday I had the privilege of baptizing my grandson in the church I grew up and the congregation my father served as pastor for 35 years. It was a special moment for my family and me. I want to thank you and the session for allowing me the opportunity to leave you in the very capable hands of Rev. Gilliam while I participated in this very meaningful worship service.

I want you to know your committees are hard at work, including your PNC. Your Nominating Committee has a slate of nominees ready for the congregation's consideration and approval. I want to thank those of you who submitted names for the committee's consideration. Your input made our task much easier. Go team!

Your session has approved the committee's recommendation to call a meeting of the congregation.

LET IT BE KNOWN THROUGOUT ALL THE LANDS (Trump fanfare) A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SHELBYVILLE, TN HAS BEEN CALLED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AS PART OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICE.

The purpose of this congregational meeting will be to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and vote on its slate of nominees.

Please join me in thanking your Nominating Committee. The members are Aaron Crafton and Richard Smith from the session, Kathy Smith (trustee), Adrian Bomar (PW) and Hunter Wilhelm (at-large member). They took their task very seriously and with a positive attitude. I think they have compiled a strong slate of nominees. I believe they will serve you well.

Speaking of November, the November edition of "Anchor Links" will be going out soon. If you have something you would like included in November's edition, please get it to the church office soon. We want your input. It is your newsletter after all.

Please remember to pick up an item or two at the grocery story between now and November 8th when we will be collecting your donations to take to Good Samaritan.

I could go on, but I'll save it for the newsletter. Take care and stay safe.

Grace and Peace,

Taylor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020 SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY ^{with} HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome and Announcements Youth and Children's Announcements Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd Cindy Lamb

Prelude

Billie Crowell

Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord all the earth.

People: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Leader: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

People: Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and glory are in His sanctuary.

Leader: Come, let us worship our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God.

*Prayer of Preparation

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We acknowledge before You, O God, that we are drawn to false teachings. We succumb to the adoration of this world when we seek to be noticed, crave being honored, and look for the best seats. We have ignored the true teacher who calls us to lives of humility, kindness, and service toward others. Forgive us. Help us to practice the teachings of Jesus. As we long to place our burden on You, confident that You will lighten our journeys, so we long to ease the burdens of our friends, families, neighbors, and creatures of earth. Set us on Your path, O God, in Jesus' name.

Time for Silent Confession

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

| People: And also with you. | | |
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| Leader: Peace be with you. | | |
| *Passing of the Peace | | |
| *Gloria Patri (Instrumental) | | |
| *Assurance of Pardon | | |

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

| A Time for Young Christians | | Kate Canady |
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| Children's Church | | Cindy Lamb |
| Prayer for Illumination | | |
| Scripture Reading: | Joshua 3:7 and Matthew 23:1-12 | |
| Sermon: | "Natural or Artificial?" | Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd |
| Special Music: | | |

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

*Doxology (Instrumental)

Billie Crowell

Prayer of Dedication

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Great Thanksgiving Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Leader: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord. Leader: Let us give thanks and praise. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution (Minister continues) All: Christ is the bread of life: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus, until You come in glory. Leader: Great is the mystery of faith. People: Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again.

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. Thine is the power and the glory forever. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Charge and Blessing

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

*Postlude

Billie Crowell



Faith Development Tuesday, November 3rd at 5:30pm Property Committee, Thursday, November 5th at 5:00pm



Set your clocks 'BACK' one hour on Saturday night, October 31st.

–& Blessed–

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

PLEASE WEAR A MASK OUT OF RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS

- Attention Committees~Sunday, November 1st is the deadline for getting your budget requests in.
- Sunday, November 1st is the last Sunday School class session.
- Youth Meeting 6-7:30pm. The Youth is selling Butter Braids. Order forms are due to be turned in October 30th. If you need a form, call the office. Delivery will be November 24th at 6:00pm.
- Sunday, November 8th~Congregational Meeting

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Serving

Sunday, November 1st Greeters Kathy Smith and Margaret Smith Hall Monitor Raychelle Flannagan A Time for Young Christians Kate Canady Children's Church Cindy Lamb

Sunday, November 8th Greeters Kristin Wilhelm and LeaAnne Windham Hall Monitor Marylyn Caperton A Time for Young Christians Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd Children's Church Cindy Lamb

Go

You are the light of your community.You are the salt of the neighborhood.You carry God's truth to the places you go.

Be confident that imitating Christ is your call, even imperfectly.

Be bold in lifting others up in a world that seeks to put them down.

Remember your brothers and sisters, and pray for them this day.

Amen.