



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Shelbyville, Tennessee
November 22, 2020
Christ the King/Reign of Christ



Dear Friends,

I pray this weekly communication finds you and your loved ones well. With the cases of COVID-19 infections on the rise that is a tall order these days.

Your session met this past Monday evening. One of the things we discussed were the COVID-19 protocols we have in place here at the church. Presently, we are not going to make any significant changes to those protocols.

We have put up extra signage around the church. These notifications remind folks entering the church we require people to wear masks and observe the other protocols such as social distancing, handwashing, and refraining from contact with one another.

We have also placed hand sanitizer, paper towels and disinfectant spray throughout the church building for people to use, as necessary.

We have suspended our in-person Wednesday and Sunday evening gatherings with our children and youth until after Thanksgiving. We will stay in contact with them virtually but with Thanksgiving just around the corner we would be taking a break anyway. We will reassess where we are in early December.

At this time, we have not suspended the outside groups that use our church facilities. They are aware of our protocols and appear to be abiding by them.

The news regarding vaccines is encouraging. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, and it does not appear to be an oncoming train but an end to this dark nightmare. However, it will still be many, many months before an effective vaccine becomes a vaccination. Now is not the time to succumb to COVID fatigue, though it's hard not to. Hunker down a few more months folks. We have made it this far we can hold out a little longer. I know. I'm tired of it too. You have my sympathies.

Just as a reminder, **During The Week Of Thanksgiving The Church Office Will Be Closed Thursday And Friday.** If you need to get something to the church office, please get it in ASAP.

You will see in this week's edition of our e-newsletter several opportunities for you to be involved in ministries of compassion this holiday season. These include our current Winter Coat Drive plus a new opportunity complements of the ladies of the PW Night Circle. They have taken on a project to purchase shoes for the Clothe the Kids program of Bedford County.

On December 13th we will be collecting your donations for Good Samaritan AND the 5-cents-a meal offering will also be taken up.

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And, of course, don't forget that **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH IS OUR STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**. We hope all pledge cards will be in by then. Some of you have already returned your pledge and time and talent sheets. Thank you, well done, good and trustworthy servant! (I heard that somewhere recently).

LAST BUT NOT LEAST – **We will be putting up the Christmas tree** in the sanctuary THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AFTER WORSHIP. A light lunch will be available for our elves who help us. Please let us know if you plan to stay for lunch.

Be smart. Stay safe.

Grace and Peace,
Taylor



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020
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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd Youth

Children's Announcements

Cindy Lamb

Prelude

Billie Crowell

Call to Worship **Psalm 95:1-2; 6-7**

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

People: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, the sheep of His hand.

ALL: Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Preparation

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You. Hear us we pray as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our neighbors.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; And of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; Though the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 100 and Matthew 25:31-46**

Sermon: **"All You Need Is Love, Love Is All You Need"**

Rev. Taylor Todd

Music:

"I Love Thee"

Billie Crowell

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

***Prayer of Confession**

Colossians 1:15-20

“Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven making peace by the blood of His cross.”

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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Doxology (Instrumental)**

Billie Crowell

Prayer of Dedication

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Charge and Blessing**

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

***Postlude**

Billie Crowell



pray

I thank you, God, for creating me and this family of faith to which I belong.

Remind me that there is nothing I can do to earn or lose Your love for me and the faith You hold in me.

May I celebrate this truth and mystery no matter the circumstances, for Your grace is sufficient.

I celebrate that I am loved by You, created to shine Your light in a world that so desperately needs it. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS ^{AND} EVENTS

****PLEASE WEAR A MASK OUT OF RESPECT ^{AND} CONCERN FOR OTHERS****

****Hanging of the Greens~Sunday, November 22nd after Worship~Light Lunch to follow.**

* **New Elders Meeting 5pm, Monday, Nov. 23rd**

* Butter Braids delivery
will be November 24th at 6:00pm.

* **Winter Coat Drive: Gently worn or new coats of 'all' sizes. Bring to Shelbyville 1st United Methodist Church on Monday -Friday 9:00am-2:00pm**

* The Night Circle is asking for donations of a pair of tennis shoes for ***Clothe Our Kids of Bedford Co.*** Any size shoe, for a girl or boy. Bring your donation by Sunday, December 6th. You may leave them at the Church Office, Monday-Friday, 8am-1pm.

Serving

Sunday, November 22nd

Greeters **Mike Matusek & Tony Matusek**
Hall Monitor **Ginny Saylor**
A Time for Young Christians **Connie Crafton**
Children's Church **Cindy Lamb**
Nursery **Bea Marsh**

Sunday, November 29th

Greeters **Roy & Lisa Turner**
Advent Readers & Candlelighters
Helen Garner & Margaret Smith
Hall Monitor **Nancy June Brandon**
A Time for Young Christians **Kate Canady**
Children's Church **Cindy Lamb**
Nursery **Abby Hittle**