



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Shelbyville, Tennessee
January 10, 2021



Dear Friends,

I meant to get this to you sooner, but as you know this has been a week like none other in my lifetime. I apologize for the delay. It is still my plan to start getting our weekly e-letter out earlier in the week.

As always, I hope this weekly communicate finds you and your loved ones doing well. I trust folks had an enjoyable New Year celebration. It was different for sure.

It is my plan to begin sending this weekly email out earlier in the week. Thursday wasn't fitting into my rhythm very well. I'm usually in full "sermon-mode" by then. Besides, there are things I think it is better for you to know sooner rather than later.

Speaking of which, here a few items: As you know this Sunday is the second Sunday of the month. We will be collecting your donations of food items for the **Good Samaritan ministry. A collection box has been placed outside the Fellowship Hall doors for folks to drop off their donations.**

Today the collection box will be out from 9-3PM

Thursday 9-2PM

Friday: 9-Noon.

Please bring your contributions and we will see they get to where they need to go. And **THANK YOU!**

*******THIS COMING SUNDAY IS*******

OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SUNDAY.

We will be ordaining Kristen Wilhelm and installing her along with Helen Garner, Christy Jensen and Terry Saylor as elders in the Class of 2023. We will also be installing and recognizing Tommy Anderton as a trustee. I look forward to working with them and the rest of your session and committees as we continue to move the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

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You will all be thrilled, excited and giddy with joy to learn that your **PLEDGE ENVELOPES ARE IN!** I know you have all been anxiously awaiting them. Thank you USPS!

I will out of the office tomorrow (Thursday) but Adrian Bomar has agreed to be in the office that day from 9-Noon. If you would like to come by and pick up your envelopes when you bring your canned items for Good Samaritan you are welcome to do so.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST – Our children's and youth ministries will start back up this coming Sunday, January 10th. At this time, all activities will be virtual meetings. We hope to get back to in-person meetings ASAP.

Cindy will be meeting with the children Sunday morning, 9:30–9:50 a.m. and with the youth later that day at 6p.m.

You may notice an improvement in our Sunday morning live streaming soon. Your session, being led by your very able property committee, is in the process of upgrading our production equipment. We will keep you informed as to our progress.

Your session decided to invest in this equipment because we believe that even after we begin in-person worship again, there will still be a need for this live streaming of worship services. We are planning for the future folks! Go team FPC!

I hope the rest of your week goes well. Take care and stay safe.

Grace and Peace,

Taylor

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY ~SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

Announcements

Prelude

Unison Call to Worship

O Lord, how marvelous are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your riches. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. We will pay our vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house. We will offer to You our words of praise and thanksgiving. Come and let us worship God for we have gathered to lift our prayers and praises to our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer God. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

Giving God, You have adopted us as Your children, sisters and brothers of Your beloved, Jesus Christ. Empower us to be holy and blameless witnesses to Your glorious reign of peace and love now and in the world to come. Amen.

Call to Confession

Brothers and sisters, Jesus became like us in every respect so that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God. As we confess our sins, we become before One who was also tested by what He suffered, confident that He is able to help us. Let us confess our sin as the people of God and then in a time of silence you may lift up your personal confessions. Let us pray in unison our prayer of confession for this morning. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless, yet we do not love our brothers and sisters as He taught. You destined us for adoption as Your children through Jesus Christ, yet we take our status for granted and fail to obey Christ when He calls us to follow. With all wisdom and insight, You have made known to us the mystery of Your will. Forgive our sin, O God, and help us to set our hope in Christ that we may live for the praise of His glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The God who made you and knows your every thought, hears you now and forgives you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who is our Alpha and Omega, our all in all. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Would you please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

Time for Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, Your Word comes to us: Jesus the Christ, Immanuel. Holy Word, You cross every border meant to shut You out. Holy Wisdom speak to us in the word read and proclaimed. Hearing, may we dream Your dreams and faithfully follow wherever You lead. In Your triune name we pray. Amen.

Sermon "The Greatest Story Ever Told...and Still Unfolding Today."

Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ; the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

We give You thanks, God of all creation, for the power of Your life-giving Word, making the winds blow and the waters flow. Receive these gifts from our hands and use them to bring peace and blessing to all Your children; in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Charge and Blessing

Go out to share the good news with a world bent low from suffering and fear, that Jesus the Christ has come to help us and to set us free!

And may God the Creator, Christ the Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, guard your going out and your coming in; and be your strength and help in every time of need. Amen.

In Loving Memory

Our Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to the family of

CAROLYN ANN NORTHCUTT

Mother of Jackie Bane. Ms. Northcutt passed away on January 4th.

Funeral services were held on January 6th at the Manchester Funeral Home.

CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

Matthew Corson
Evelyn Davidson
Bob & Alice Durio
Pat Edmiston
Betty Endsley
Tommy Franks
The Family & Friends of Cory Hartbarger
Ed & Elaine Holcombe
The Family & Friends of Margaret Jarrell
Carolyn Matusek
Gail Parsons
Jim Sepull

For our Military
LT Andy Canady
Airman Chase Blanton