



First Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)  
Starkville, Mississippi  
October 4, 2020  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday

*Order of Worship*

Prelude *Morning Has Broken*

Greeting (From Psalm 23)

One: The Lord is my shepherd,

**All: I shall not want.**

One: He leads me beside the still waters,

**All: He restores my soul.**

Hymn #643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of all nations, we praise You that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to those of other lands, tongues and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ ...** (Silent confession may be offered)

Assurance of Pardon

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Amen.**

Scripture Matthew 22:1-14

Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the**

**third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon

“When God Invites”

Rev. Ron McDougald

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion

Special Music            *One Bread, One Body*

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Postlude                    *Faith of Our Fathers*

## INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: O Lord, when the earth was a formless void you called creation into being ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy God, you so loved us ... Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One: ... make this and all our prayers.

**All: Amen.**

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## PRAYER LIST:

Here are the most recent additions: **Kit McDonald** (shingles); **Sarah Prather** (bulging disc in back); **Teachers, Students and their families** at all levels of education as they adjust to learning in this time of COVID 19. Please keep these and all those on the list below in your prayers.

**If you would like to add a request or removal to our list, please contact Nancy Bryson (324-6320 or nancybryson68@gmail.com) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com)**

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Please be in constant prayer for those suffering with COVID 19, and those who care for them, those with addictions, homelessness, loneliness, hunger, mental illness, the unemployed, prisoners and the poor.

**ONLINE CHURCH.** In response to the COVID-19 recommendations, all services have been moved online. All face-to-face church meetings (worship, social, choir, etc.) have been cancelled until further notice. **The next Stated Session Meeting will be on Thursday, November 5, 2020.**

**SYMPATHY.** We extend our Love and Christian sympathy to the family of Frances Jones, who passed away on October 2, 2020. She was the mother of Charlyne Jones, former FPC Director of Christian Education, Music Director, and Organist.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CAMPAIGN.** Please submit your cash gifts and/or pledges for the Capital Improvement Campaign to Pat Colwick by **October 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### Session

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