



First Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)
Starkville, Mississippi
November 15, 2020
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Prelude *Lord, Be Glorified*

Greeting

One: Lift up your eyes to the Lord – the exalted one, who is enthroned in the heavens.

All: Seeking compassion, seeking grace, we look to the Lord, the giver of mercy.

One: Pour into God's temple; draw near to the king of creation.

All: We worship the Lord of heaven and earth.

Hymn #697 *Take My Life*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days;

let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,

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Prayer of Confession

Lord, You have made us stewards of Your creation and commissioned us to carry out Your work to the best of our ability. But we have not served You with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. We withhold our gifts and live in fear. Have mercy on us, we pray. Make us bold to use our talents for the sake of Your kingdom, until You come in glory...(Silent confession may be offered)

Assurance of Pardon

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30

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 is the Boss”

Rev. Ron McDougald

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Postlude *Commit Your Way to God the Lord*

PRAYER LIST:

Here are the most recent additions: **Families of Betty Jones and Kathryn Crumpton Crigler** (Closure); **Mike McKenzie** (COVID); **Family of Jimmy Ray McDougald** (Ron's cousin who died in NC on 11/9/20); **New FPCUSA Property Work**; **School teaching changes due to COVID**; **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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Shari Brooks

Charlotte Green

Jetta Kuykendall

Clyde Williams

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.

SUSPENSION OF 'FACE TO FACE' SERVICES. Out of an abundance of caution, and with love and care for our community and congregation, we continue to suspend all face to face services (worship, social, choir, etc.) for the immediate future. The Session reviews this decision at each stated meeting. **Our next meeting is Thursday, December 3rd.** Please contact any Elder or Ron, if you have questions or comments

NEW PROPERTY 'HANDS WANTED/NEEDED'. We are now 'in' our new property! As expected, there is needed cleaning, painting and some renovations to prepare it as our place for worship, study, fellowship and as a base for mission to the community. Members of the Property Committee, along with several other volunteers from our church family have been cleaning, pulling out, painting, etc. every day since last Friday. A 'transformation' is taking place, but there is still much work to do. First, we want/need volunteers. No special skills required, just a commitment of time, large or small. Just drop by 280 Linden Circle (across Louisville Street from Starkville High School). Committee members will be working Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on various projects, inside and out. If you need more information contact any member of the Property Committee: Andrew Gaston, Sara Green, John McWhorter or Maria Prather. Second, if you would like to make a financial donation to the Capital Fund (from which this project is being funded) contact Charles Bryson or Pat Colwick!

IN PERSON WORSHIP SURVEY COMING. The Session has approved a 'survey' to be distributed by mail and email late next week to the congregation and friends. This survey will be the primary way for us to get your feedback on when and how we might resume 'In Person' worship and activities. Take time to fill out and return/reply. Hard copies will be mailed and backed up by email no later than Friday, November 12th. Please contact any Elder or Ron if you do not receive a copy.

A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

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