



First Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)  
Starkville, Mississippi  
September 13, 2020  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Order of Worship*

Prelude                      *God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting (Psalm 103:1-3)

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**All: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**All: And forget not all God's benefits—**

One: Who forgives all your sins

**All: And heals all your diseases;**

Hymn #444                      *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, You call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to You. Help us so to live and proclaim the good news of Your love, that all may turn to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture                      Matthew 18:21-35

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

“How Often Should We Forgive?”

Rev. Ron McDougald

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion

Special Music

At the Table of the Lord  
Nancy Bryson and Sara Green

Jay Althouse

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Postlude

## 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: **Lane Bryson Bethea** (great-nephew of Charles & Nancy Bryson), born 9/11/20 and is in NICU for 10 days with an infection; **John Colwick**, upcoming cataract surgery; **Carlie Kemp**, granddaughter of Jane & Vic Zitta); **Shannon Love Roberson**; **Family of Sarah Shelley** (Pastor's wife who died on 9/8/20); **Those affected by the wildfires** in Oregon, Washington and California (Jacque Deeds, Nancy Bryson's nephew); **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)**

Kimberly Brigges

David & Margaret Earnest

Susan Scales Huffman

John McWhorter

Josephine Zitta

Vicki Buys

Charlotte Green

Family of Jaya Kumar

Jeff O'Rourke

Marianne Crowell

Mardi Hassan

Jetta Kuykendall

Bettye Seepe

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 Wednesday, October 1, 2020.**

**SYMPATHY.** We extend our Love and Christian sympathy to the family of Shirley LeGrande, who passed away on Sept. 11, 2020 in Edmond, OK. She was the aunt of Ron McDougald.

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE.** As part of our "Path Forward", the Session is asking for volunteers to serve on a Building and Property Committee which will assist the congregation in the repair and renovation of the property we have contracted to purchase. Please contact Susan Kuykendall, Nominations Committee Moderator, **no later than October 11<sup>th</sup>** if you are interested in serving.

### Session

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