

First Presbyterian Church
Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

*Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 11, 2020*

** For those who are attending in-person worship, the congregation is invited to hum the tune and to meditate on the text of the hymns and other service music. Some pieces will be played as hymns and some will be more improvisatory. We encourage participation at the level of your comfort. It is important that our voices remain at low volume to lessen the risk during the pandemic, so there are no vocalists during the in-person service. If you are participating at home, you are encouraged to sing the words aloud on all hymns and during the other service music.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Petit Prelude"
by Joseph Jongen

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all who hunger for good news.
We thirst for words of hope and healing.
Come, from rural road and city street.
We gather at the King's invitation.

Come, join the celebration.

Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN #35 "Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Extravagant God,
you invite us to your table in the kingdom of heaven.
But we do not take our place at the feast.
We say, "We have more important things to do,"
and turn back to labors
that threaten to consume us.
Beckon us again, we pray,
that we may respond with gratitude.
In your mercy, gather us in
that we might experience the joy of your kingdom
and taste the abundance of your grace.
Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 2:1-13 (p. 210)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Do Not Be Afraid"
by Sally Ann Morris and Joy F. Patterson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Video service only)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 2:14-23 (p. 210)

RESPONSE

SERMON "Provision: Ruth's Story"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #440 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism*
LORD'S DAY 10, Questions 27-28.

Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and ever-present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY BELL PIECE

THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #719 "Come, Labor On"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Chorale on Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren"
by Johann Gottfried Walther



WORSHIP NOTES

?? is today's in-person liturgist. ?? are today's video service liturgists.

Liz Thomas is leading today's Video Children's Moment.

Hannah Cruse is Director of Music and Accompanist.

Hanna Lawrence, Charles Anderson, Liz Thomas, Carolyn Riggins, Dylan May, David Seay

are today's Vocalists.

Douglas Ferguson, Curtis Compton & Morgan Adames

are today's Audio-Visual Specialists.

***Please stand if you are able.**

Please remember to follow the instructions below for your safety and the safety of others.

- *Wear a mask at all times (not like dining out where you remove your mask at your seat). Face shields are not a substitute for a mask.*
- *Maintain social distance at all times (this includes entering, sitting in, and exiting the sanctuary).*
- *Responsive reading and humming are great. Please no shouting.*

*** Please remain seated during the postlude as ushers dismiss the congregation by row from the rear of the sanctuary. Please do not loiter in the vestibule or on the church lawn, so that all may exit in a timely manner without congregating.*

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

- In-person in Fellowship Hall (please notify Pastor Greg directly if you plan to attend in person this Wednesday)

- By computer, tablet, or smart

phone, <https://zoom.us/j/231246359?pwd=eXNiWEtBNElvYmU5aVJub2RmUzVVQT09>

- By phone, 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782

Check your newsletter for the Meeting ID & Password

Children's Time with Dianne Every Wednesday

Grades K-2 from 6:00-6:30pm

Grades 3-5 from 6:30-7:00pm

PARENTS, to join that Zoom meeting, go to

<https://zoom.us/j/94754857815?pwd=Q0JEcmZ0Qv8vM3VUMXh0Z1BSUGlmQT09>

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THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 11

10am Morning Prayer & Worship

4:30pm Youth Meeting @ Downtown Commons

Monday, October 12

Happy Columbus Day!/Office Closed

Tuesday, October 13

10am Congregational Care

12:30pm Martha Circle

5pm Yoga

6pm Historical Preservation Meeting

7pm Night Circle

Wednesday, October 14

10am Bible Study with Pastor (see announcement)

6:00pm Children's Time with Dianne

(see announcement)

7pm Book Discussion (see announcement)

Thursday, October 15

8:30am Yoga

Saturday, October 17

4:30pm Louisiana Saturday Night (see announcement)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion

White Too Long, by Robert P. Jones. The author is the winner of the 2019 Grawemeyer Award in Religion and CEO of the non-partisan Public Religion Research Institute. The approach is historical, sociological, and autobiographical. Pastor Greg has issued an invitation for those who are interested in a serious conversation about racism and Christian theology in the American context to read the book and join the conversation.

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m., October 7-28

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-discussion-white-too-long-by-robert-p-jones-tickets-118363164411>



Men's Fellowship Group

The commitment is to meet one hour every other week. Be sure to contact Pastor Greg letting him know what dates & times work best for you. You can email Pastor Greg at glovergl@gmail.com or call 931-257-1780.

Benefit for Loaves & Fishes 215 Foster Street

Saturday, October 17 from 4:30-7pm

Join us for the annual Gumbo Dinner. This year the meal will be available as Pick Up only or Delivery. All Delivery requests must be made by **Wednesday, October 14th** and be in Montgomery County.

All proceeds will go to support the building fund for the new facility. For more information or questions contact Donna at 931-980-5996 or donna56924@gmail.com. You can also purchase tickets at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/louisiana-saturday-night-2020-tickets-122146717119>.



Youth! We are meeting at **Downtown Commons Park** today at 4:30 for a devotion & games. Don't forget to wear your mask. If you don't have one, one will be provided. **Join Us!**