



First Presbyterian Church

June 21, 2020
10:30 AM

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CENTERING PRAYER

God of the covenant, your compassion reaches beyond the mere making and keeping of promises. Teach us to listen to one another with your heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

John, Kristi, Madeline, Lydia, & Wesley Koshuta

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth.

Sing out the praises of God.

Come all you people and know the joy of the Lord.

The love of God is greater than the tongue can tell!

Bless the Lord all you people, bless his Holy Name!

We praise, and worship, and honor, and glorify your name, O Lord!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Good, Good Father

Ava and John Wayne Armour

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God of our salvation, You are the hope of all the ends of the earth. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, You forgive our transgressions. By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance. Forgive us, merciful God, for our tendency to trust in and exalt ourselves, to presume we are righteous, and to regard others with contempt. Grant us renewal in your Spirit, O Lord, that our vision may be inspired by Your love, refined by Your righteousness, and filled with joyful expectation of Christ's appearing. AMEN.

(our prayer continues in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

God, who loves us, does not abandon or forsake us.

**Our Savior hears and answers when we cry out from the wastelands of sin.
Death cannot bind us, for the risen Christ sets us free.**

Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

O May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 18: 1-15

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Say

Ava Armour & Donna James

SERMON

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Part 2: Sarah, the Other Side of the Story

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Belhar Confession

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jennifer Hartsock

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Person(s) of the week:

Kelli Matthews

In the Oaks (Scenic):

John Howard

In the Military: **Captain Alex McLean** and family; **Cpt. Joe Campbell** and his family, **LCpl Kevin Matthews** (Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii) and his family.



Bob McKim; Duren Chambers; Family of Sylvia Palmer; Greg Hopkins; Betty Gillette; Lyle Eberhart (Tim Mullen's brother-in-law); **Jim Stone** (friend of Ed Hendricks); **Pat Perry and family; Leighton Miller** (Charlie and Pam Miller's grandson); **Family of Julia Ivester** (friend of Diane Hopkins); **Geoff Tipton; Jerry and Joyce Barrett; Laurie Oldroyd** (George and Martha Kaulbach's daughter); **Bill Ford; Jan Tolbert** (friend of Pastor Andy); **Betty Schaeffer; John Foster; Celeste Sumner; Teresa Touralack; Ann Nermoe** (Bill Ford's sister); **Melody Little** (Marilyn Bedsworth's daughter); **Garth and Sue Smith; Carolyn and Jeff Denton; David and Martha Lee Sherman; Karen Hooper** (Troy Webb's Stepsister); **Mary Sue Tripp** (Troy Webb's cousin); **Maria Costley; Robin Griffin; Jackie Williams** (Sharon Baskin's cousin); **Philip Barber; Bonnie McKim; Brad Donaldson** (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); **Pete Lewis** (Joy Mullen's uncle); **peace in our country and around the world.**



Peacock Banner

The peacock banner hanging in the Sanctuary was made by Marilyn Bedsworth out of real peacock feathers. It reminds us that the peacock was an early symbol of Christianity, representing rebirth, reawakening, renewal, restoration, and resurrection. The eye at the end of each tail feather reminded people of the all-seeing eye of God.

June Birthdays

- 2 Gideon Padtha
- 12 Todd Coker
- 14 Corinne Campbell
- 15 Parks Miller
- 16 Veovong Bouasy
- 23 Mike Crawford
- 24 Stan Perry
- William Hartsock
- 29 Michael Wiles



**Please note:
the Church Office
will be
closed the week of
June 29**



Emma-Jewell Circle

For the month of June, the Emma Jewell Circle Bible Study will be conducted at home. Marilyn will send the lesson to those interested.

The Circle WILL meet in person on July 14.

The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall to promote safe distancing.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

MAY 2020	Monthly	YTD
Income	15,562.23	93,748.76
Expenses	17,742.43	96,465.63
Net:	(2,180.20)	(2,716.87)

JUNE 2020 Income:

06/15/2020	Monthly Total	Budget
8,101.13	9,051.13	22,033.00
(ONLINE GIFTS WILL BE POSTED AT MONTH'S END)		

Special offerings

Backyard Grant (NE GA PRES.)	2,050.00
Cap. Project	80.00
Emergency Fund	25.00
(In memory of Sylvia Palmer)	

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WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

THURSDAYS - 10AM

Join Us On Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4388280904>
Meeting ID: 438 828 0904



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PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Kelli Matthews



THINKING OF YOU

Brad Donaldson

