

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 19, 2021

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Blessed Are They
Give Me Jesus*

Lee Dengler
Arr. Moses Hogan

WELCOME

Ann Geddings

MINUTE FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Debbie Jackson

INTROIT AND CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Arr. Bill Ingram

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Joy Ringers Quartet: Kayleigh Jordan, Lauren Decker, Joni Brown, Lisa Hellams

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God! Why have you come?

People: We have come to be planted by streams of living water.

Leader: Servants of God! Why have you come?

People: We have come to meditate on God's Word.

Leader: Children of God! Why have you come?

People: We have come to worship and bear fruit for God's kingdom.

* HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: For the times when we listen to the advice of those who rebel against you,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those times when we can be found with those who scorn,

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For those times when we do not bear the fruits of your abundance,

People: Lord, have mercy.

(Silent Reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)

LOE DI ÍSÁ

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when we walk in the counsel of the ungodly . . .

People: The Lord forgives and offers grace that is abundant and free!

* GLORIA PATRI

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kelly Hickey

Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-17

Duncan James

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 1

Rev. Joel Long

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

SERMON

“Which Way Do We Go?”

Rev. Joel Long

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ 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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

This Is My Father’s World
Joy Ringers Quartet

Arr. Bill Ingram

* Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* Offertory Prayer

* **HYMN** 459

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

*** BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

O Christ, Surround Me

GREEN TYLER

God be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

My Spirit Be Joyful

J. S. Bach

*** Please stand as you are able**

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A nursery is provided for children 2 years old and younger in the nursery on the first floor of the Educational Building.



The title of today’s sermon is: **“Which Way Do We Go?”** Pastor Long will examine two ways a disciple might follow: one is the way of godliness...the other is the way of ungodliness. The scriptural text is . . .

*“The Lord watches over the way of the godly,
but the way of the ungodly leads to destruction.”* Psalm 1: 6

WELCOME!

We especially welcome those of you who are guests today. We invite you to fill out a Welcome card found in the pewracks and place it in the offering basket as you leave. We look forward to meeting you. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Long.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Liza Cooper, Ann Geddings
Deacons: Chris Somheil, Meg Hill
Youth Liturgist: Duncan James
Junior Usher: Ligon Ferguson

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Teacher: Karen Ingram Volunteer: Valerie James

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Linda Hogon, John Moorman
Deacons: John Michael Osteen, Kathy Lyons
Youth Liturgist: Caroline Moorman
Junior Usher: Stuart Ward

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Teacher: Kelly Hickey Volunteer: Chris Herrmann

USHER TRAINING AND REVIEW

(Rising 2nd – 5th grade)

Immediately following worship this morning, all rising 2nd – 5th grade children are invited to join Ms. Kelly and friends for Junior Usher training and review for those who are coming back. The training/review should last about 30 minutes.

“ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS”

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Children, 3K – 5th Grade

YOUTH GROUP

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. in the West Building

We strongly encourage wearing masks. Unfortunately, due to the rise in COVID cases, we will not be able to serve food at this time; however, we are truly grateful that we can be together in person. We are super excited about this year and look forward to seeing everyone at Youth Group!



Next Sunday, September 26, will be Hamilton Stoddard's official last day as our Church Organist. In her letter to the Session, Hamilton expressed a need to spend more time with her family. Additionally, the letter conveyed her desire to serve as a “substitute” when needed. Hamilton and her family will continue to worship with us at First Presbyterian. In lieu of financial gifts (Hamilton's request), and since Session has encouraged our church to be mindful of the continuing spread of the Delta variant, please express your love and thanksgiving for Hamilton's years of service by dropping a note or card in a basket marked by Hamilton's name near the sanctuary piano on Sunday, September 26.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

October 31, 2021

Reserve your participation in the Kirkin' o' the Tartans Processional by contacting Linda Hogon, 803-775-4167 or 803-840-7671, or lhogon03@yahoo.com. Reservations, including the name of the tartan and the carrier, are needed by **Monday, October 18**.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Suzanna Foley, Bill Scobee, Tom Tindal (John Tindal's Brother),
Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Bootsie Owens, who died September 14.