



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2020

11 o'clock

VISION

Nourished by God's Word and Sacraments,

All: Connecting lives to Christ.

PRELUDE

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

716

INTROIT

“Bless the Lord”

544

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 13

Will you forget your people, O God?

Will you hide your face from your children?

Will you allow us to be defeated by the enemy of love?

No! You have given us a promise, and your promises are trustworthy.

Our hearts rejoice in the salvation you've given us!

We will worship God, because God is so good to us.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of grace, you have brought us from despair to hope, from death to life! Holy is your name! We gather together in your presence with gratitude and praise for all that you have done for us. May the presence of your Holy Spirit inspire our worship. May our words and music, our thoughts and prayers, even our very lives, bring honor and glory to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection have brought us everlasting life. Amen.

*HYMN

#307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

verse 1

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

In Christ's death and resurrection, we, who were dead because of sin, were brought back to life. Because of Christ's love we are free to live in grace, if we come clean about our past and seek to move into a better future. Let us therefore present ourselves before God, trusting fully in God's goodness, that we may know of, and believe in, the forgiveness we've already been given.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Holy God, we confess that we have allowed our sinful behavior to control us. Despite our best efforts and intentions, we have failed to consistently live in ways that bring honor to your name. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us for staying quiet when we should speak out. Forgive us for speaking out when we should listen. Forgive us for putting faith in things and people that are not you. Forgive us for our hesitancy to trust in your promise. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, set us free from the grip of sin—from attitudes and actions that do not lead to the life you’ve given us.

Silent Prayer

Have mercy on us, O God. Amen.

KYRIE

(Hymn #576)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Water is poured into the font.

Even though we were once slaves to sin, Christ freed us.

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Because of his love, we have eternal hope that sin will not win, that there is hope.

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.***

*GLORIA PATRI

(Hymn #581)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:40-42 (p. 1182)

Genesis 22:1-14 (p. 23)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“God Teach Us Peacemaking”

verses 1, 3, 4

God, teach us peacemaking, justice, and love.
Blessed by Christ’s teaching, we’re lifted above
all thought of vengeance or envy or hate.
Help us, your children, shalom to create.

God, teach us peacemaking in every role.
In each relationship make peace our goal.
Yet give us insight that keeps us aware
justice and mercy in balance to share.

God, teach us peacemaking unto the end
Parent or child, or as stranger or friend
Fill all our hearts with the power of shalom,
living together, the whole world our home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation to silent prayer, a meditation with music, then intercessions are offered;

... We join our voices in the prayer Christ taught us to pray:

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.

*HYMN #700 “I’m Gonna Live So God can Use Me” verses 1, 3

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*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.

GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn #606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore, we join our voices in singing:

(Hymn #552)

**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, hosanna in the highest.**

...for great is the mystery of faith:

(Hymn #560)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

...

PREPARING THE BREAD AND CUP

...The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

*We share in the Lord's table at 2 stations, receiving the bread and dipping it into the cup.
Please raise your hand if you wish to receive communion at your seat.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*RESPONSE AFTER COMMUNION

Let us sing of our faith:

(Hymn #405)

**Praise God for this holy ground, place and people, sight and sound.
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! God's goodness is eternal.**

*HYMN #697

“Take My Life”

verses 1, 6

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 love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE

“Amen”

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 – Jack Crutchfield
6 – Rose McMichael
7 – Brant Wilkins
8 – Lynn Brisson
8 – Peggy McInnis

11 – Cynthia Cresenzo
11 – Sarah Young
12 – Ava Leigh Wilkins
13 – Taft Harrell
14 – Joyce Crutchfield

15 – Caroline Trautman
15 – Claire Thompson
18 – Jim Harrell
20 – Bob Mullings
27 – Mary Fagan

SERVING IN JUNE

Communion Servers

TBA

Ushers

TBA

Greeters

TBA

Door Keepers

TBA

LOCAL MISSION OFFERINGS

Pennies for Hunger:

JUNE

\$72.19

Year-To-Date

576.15

The Pennies for Hunger offering, collected on the first Sunday of each month, supports feeding ministries throughout central North Carolina, with 50% of our collection staying in Rockingham County and supporting the Reidsville Outreach Center. The other 50% is distributed by Salem Presbytery through grants to non-profit organizations that work to alleviate hunger in their communities.

Habitat for Humanity:

MAY

\$50.00

Year-To-Date

\$232.61

The Habitat offering, collected on the third Sunday of each month, supports the Greater Reidsville chapter of Habitat for Humanity in its mission to build and improve homes in the Reidsville area so that all may have access to safe and affordable housing.

SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Wes Pitts

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Mark Cresenzo <i>Mission</i>	Tilda Balsley <i>Grounds</i>	Ed Conroy <i>Clerk</i>
Joyce Crutchfield <i>Newcomers/Communication</i>	Tom Callicutt <i>Montreat</i>	Scott Greene <i>Personnel</i>
Rick McKinney <i>Property</i>	Phil Neal <i>Fellowship</i>	Jane Harrill <i>Caregivers</i>
	Becky Norman <i>Worship</i>	Jim Murray <i>Christian Education</i>
	Thomas Thompson <i>Finance</i>	

Upcoming Session Meeting: TBA

CAREGIVERS TEAM

Jane Harrill – Chair

Class of 2020: Anne Covington, Mary Fagan, Sallie Trent

Class of 2021: Susie Cole, Jenny Farver, Denice Whitley

Class of 2022: Susan McLeod, Pat Gates & Robert Moreno, Lynn Wilkins

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please be in prayer for the following:

Church members: Lucy Byers, Tom Callicutt, Sandra Craig, Anne Dell Hardingham, Betty Jones, Bob Mullings, Faye Pierce, Debbie Robbins, Frances Robinson, Claire Smothers, Fred & Lynn Wilkins, Brad Young

Family and friends of the congregation: Carl Wayne Adams, Steve Banks, Waddell Bullock, Evelyn Cogan, Chad Davis, Talea Dillard, Don Ella Drew, Cindy Farrand, Treva Garrison, Carole Hendrix Grady, C. J. Harrill, Charlotte Kearns, The Kimbrough family, Madeline McDowell, Jillian McInnis, Joe Mountjoy, Bobbie Nauman, Geoff Peoples, Jimmy Rayburn, Mary Glenn Roberson, Si Rothrock, Michael Serra, Junior Setliff, Dana Smith, Hailey Vega, Jimmy Waynick, Joan Young

Military service: Seth Brooks, Don Pierce

If you have submitted names for our prayer list, and know of their recovery, please contact us with the good news!

What is Coronavirus or COVID-19 ?

COVID-19 is a new disease that first appeared in late 2019 in Wuhan, China. COVID-19 is caused by a novel member of the coronavirus family — SARS-CoV-2 — that's a close cousin to the SARS and MERS viruses that have caused outbreaks in the past.

There is still much to learn about the disease. Globally, about 3.4% of people infected with COVID-19 have died. At greater risk are people with chronic health conditions and the elderly. For perspective, flu cases currently dwarf the number of COVID-19 cases, although the death rate is less than .1%.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Symptoms of COVID-19, caused by novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, include respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. In more severe cases, it can cause pneumonia and severe acute respiratory syndrome.

Can COVID-19 be treated?

Like the common cold, there is no specific medicine recommended to prevent or treat COVID-19. But people infected should receive appropriate care to relieve and treat symptoms, and those with severe illness should receive medical care.

How can I protect myself and my loved ones?

The World Health Organization has the following recommendations for the general public to reduce exposure to and transmission of a range of illnesses:

- Frequently clean your hands by using an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- When coughing and sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with a flexed elbow or tissue. Then throw the tissue away immediately and wash your hands.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has a fever and cough.
- If you have a fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early and share your travel history with your healthcare provider.
- Avoid the consumption of raw or undercooked animal products. Handle raw meat, milk, and animal organs with care to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods, per good food safety practices.

Today's Announcements

Elder on Call: Joyce Crutchfield is available for congregational needs this week.

Pennies for Hunger will be received July 5.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 6.

In order to allow for public worship, even outdoors, we're asking the congregation and friends to follow these safety procedures:

- Wear a mask or face covering at all times. If you do not have one, we will have some to give to who might be in need. Please remember that wearing a face mask helps prevent the spread of viruses to others. Even if you are not feeling badly, you may still be carrying the virus without knowing it and wearing a mask keeps everyone healthier.
- Bring your own chair if you are able. If you don't have one, we will have plenty on site that can be sanitized for your use.
- Abide by social distancing guidelines at all times. Chairs must be placed 6 feet from one another (families may sit together, but anyone outside of your household is asked to be 6 feet away). We'll have ushers help remind us of the distance.
- Restrooms are available on site, but we discourage using them except for emergencies because we're not able to sanitize them between each use.
- We will not be able to celebrate the Lord's Supper at this time. We discussed the issue at length, and we could not come up with a way to share the sacrament safely while upholding it's meaning in the life of our faith, so we've opted to remove it for the time being. The liturgy will remain in the bulletin as a reminder for us of the sacrament.
- We will not be passing the offering plate and will instead have an offering box available. We'll continue to have a space for the offering and an offertory, but you are encouraged to drop tithes/offerings in the box before or after the service, or to continue to use the mail.
- The congregation is asked not to sing - the act of singing spreads virus and other germs much farther than speaking, so the choir will be doing all the singing. Plus it's mighty difficult to sing while wearing a face mask!

Some of these measures might feel too rigid or unnecessary, but please remember that they are to protect the most vulnerable in our congregation and in our community.

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