



First Presbyterian Church

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November 3, 2019 — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time — All Saints' Sunday

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We cry out to God for the help we need. How will we know we have been heard?

People: *God stands with us through life's trials and temptations. God sends visions of new possibilities.*

Leader: Here we stand watch for God's appearing. Together we seek a presence and aspire after truth.

People: *Surely God is in this place and will give us understanding. God is recalling us to the values we have neglected.*

Leader: God's righteousness is everlasting, and God's law is truth. Listen to all God would teach us; hear the Word of God.

People: *We seek to grow in faith and in love for one another. We would learn to do good and work for justice.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 691

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

LAND OF REST

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

- Becky Collins (health issues)
- Lucy Dillon (health issues)
- Lorna Foster (health issues)
- Hamp Langdon (health issues)
- Bob Myers (heart issues)
- Rocky Newton (cancer)
- Dale Watts (health issues)
- Rodgers White (health issues)

Friends & Family:

- N. Bolen George Smitherman (health issues); Lawrence & Thelma Crutchfield (health issues for both); Megan Hedgecock (health issues); Faye Dean Watson, Amy Ikerd, Cindy Strickland (diabetes and health issues)
- Budkey Bernard Rush (Joy Lynn's father—90 yrs. Old hospitalized for pneumonia); Jerry Holt (broken bone in back and fractured ankle)
- Conrad Karter Rhett McGee (new born great nephew—many problems)
- Kerr Lolly Tupper (continued health issues)
- McKinney Bonnie Coast (bicycle accident)
- Myers Dale Swisher (friend—tests)
- Self Mrs. Lee (our daughter-in-law's mother in S. Korea—health issues)
- Vernon Linda Carr and family (Mr. Carr has advanced Alzheimer's); Roy Lyons (a dear friend's brother—several serious health issues); Candy Bowlin (Millie's niece—breast cancer)
- Waddell Shirley Lamkin (sister—cancer in lung and back)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

- Conrad All the families of mass shootings

PRAYER OF PRAISE

- Roney Janice Denise Roney (healed - normal routine)
- Vernon Renee Mier (Millie's daughter—got the job she really wanted)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

- Myers The Family of Neil Ruff (Donna's brother)
- The Family of James "Jim" Nicholson, Jr.** (who passed away 10/25)

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we confess our participation in the hatred and evil that is consuming the planet. We gladly accept for ourselves the power and advantages that come our way. We seldom consider the cost to others of our prosperity. We tolerate poverty, hunger, and homelessness for people we do not know. We think our small efforts too insignificant to make a difference. Wash away, O God, the evil that paralyzes us, that we may become rescuers of the oppressed and seekers after justice. Create in us a right spirit that prompts us to live by faith and to dare great things for you. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the God who loves us and equips us to become all we were meant to be. God is even now working in us to make us worthy of our high calling in Jesus Christ. Today salvation has come to this house, and we are all being changed. Friends, believe the good news...

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*GLORIA PATRI

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, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

1 Timothy 6:10b

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Matthew 16:26

SERMON

“When Dreams Become Nightmares”

Rev. John Pruitt

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SENDING

*HYMN NO. 693

“Though I May Speak”

GIFT OF LOVE

*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.

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

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

*HYMN NO. 326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Memoriam

Since November 1st is All Saints’ Day, we remember those of our Church family who have risen to the Church Triumphant during the past year (November 2018 through October 2019).

Vivian Stowe (12/05/2018)

Betty Norman (9/12/2019)

William “Bill” Norman (3/12/2019)

Samuel “Sam” Henderson (10/15/2019)

John Andrew “Andy” Hodges (3/18/2019)

James “Jim” Nicholson, Jr. (10/25/2019)

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