

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

- ◆Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders
- ◆Installation of Presbyterian Women Leaders

ANTHEM **My Song in the Night** arr. P. Christiansen

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with thy tender love, my soul’s delight. Unto thee, O Lord in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night. O why should I wander, an alien from thee, or cry in the desert thy face to see, my comfort and joy, my soul’s delight, O Jesus Savior, my song in the night.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **Romans 7:15-25** (from The Message)

SERMON **“At the End of My Rope”** Dr. Rusty Douglas

Text: “I’m at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me?” (Romans 7:24, from The Message)

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN 370 **Just as I Am, Without One Plea** WOODWORTH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From A Declaration of Faith

The human race has rejected its Maker. Though they were made to be like God, man and woman broke community with God, refusing to trust and obey him. Their community with each other was broken by shame and murder, lust and pride. We confess that in all generations men and women have rejected God again and again. At times we seek in pride to become gods, denying the good limits that define us as creatures. At other times we draw back in apathy, refusing to fulfill our human responsibilities. The antagonisms between races, nations, and neighbors, between women and men, children and parents, between human beings and the natural order, are manifestations of our sin against God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory **Andante** Joseph Rheinberger

*Doxology, No. 592 OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication and Lord’s Prayer Elder Dink Strain

*HYMN 356 **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** NETTLETON

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE **Rejoice!** Charles Callahan

CHURCH DIRECTORY

300 Main Street • P. O. Box 485
Greenwood, Mississippi 38935

Phone (662) 453-4680
Fax (662) 453-4699

Website: www.fpcgreenwood.org
Email: firstpres@bellsouth.net

Pastor	Dr. Rusty Douglas
Associate Pastor	Rev. Steve Fortenberry
Director of Music & Organist	Rev. Ray Smithee
Christian Education Director	Kelli Stainback
Youth Activities Coordinator	Nancy Fortenberry
Kindergarten Director	Nancy Tollison
Financial Secretary	Cheryl Ewing
Administrative Assistant	Annette McDonald
Building and Grounds Supervisor	Larry Crawford
Custodian	Charles Covington
Custodian	Wiley Dallas
Clerk of Session	Richard Oakes
Board of Deacons	Trish Rodgers
Church Treasurer	Zach Luke
Presbyterian Women	Buffee Jarman
Endowment Committee	Mike Sturdivant III
Missionaries	Dr. Sasan Tavassoli, Iran
	Rev. Amos Yam, Campeche, Mexico
	Mike Reinsel, Mission: Hope
	Frank and Nancy Dimmock, Africa

SESSION

CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
Glenn Beckham	Taylor Calhoun	Allyn Camp
Todd Fincher	Howard Davis, Jr.	Lina Elfert
Cathy Jennings	Tommy Gregory, Jr.	Reese Pillow
Jimmy Lott	Mark Kimmel	Andrew Stainback
Richard Macy	John Heston Powers	Ryan Strawbridge
Richard Oakes	Dink Strain	Clifton Thach

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
Barrett Daugherty	Miller Arant	Will Jefcoat
Lizzie Powers	Robert Cole	Ann Litton
Trish Rodgers	Ralph Petty	Beverly Quinn



GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

Linus is holding a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. He says, "Lucy, look at these hands. Great hands. Wonderful hands. Hands that will build bridges. Heal bodies. Hit home runs. Hands that will do great things". Lucy says, "Linus, your hands have jelly on them!"

We all have jelly on our hands. We all are flawed. Deeply flawed. Even Mother Teresa, the Albanian Roman Catholic nun who ministered to the poorest of the poor on the streets of Calcutta, is supposed to have said, "I know there is a little Hitler inside of me". Even though this woman did so much good, she honestly recognized that she was capable of great evil.

"Sin" is the word the Bible uses to speak honestly about the human predicament. Sin is deeper than breaking God's laws. Sin is "self" in the center of the universe. Little s, capital I, little n. Sin corrupts and twists us. W.E. Sangster said, "....it belongs to the nature of sin to blind as it grows; the more you have of it, the less you see of it". The most sinful creature of all, Satan, thinks he doesn't sin at all.

The prophet Isaiah wrote in about 750 BC, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). Someone had to come and save us humans from both the power and the penalty of our sin. We were trapped and could not escape. That Someone is Jesus Christ. "But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). That is good news indeed for sinners!

Dr. Rusty Douglas

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

August 19, 2018

13th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

The time to begin preparing for worship is no later than the sounding of the chimes.
*The congregation is invited to stand.
**Seating of those arriving after worship has begun.

CHIMING

PRELUDE Processional in B-flat Franklin Ashdown

*CALL TO WORSHIP Romans 5:18, 20 Rev. Steve Fortenberry

One: “Just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all,
 so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification
 and life for all ...
All: **But law came in, with the result that the trespass
 multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded
 all the more ...”**
 Let us worship God together!

**HYMN OF PRAISE 457 TOULON
 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us Heavenly Father, for we have sinned. We turned
our backs when we should have held out our hands to assist.
We talked when we should have listened. At other times,
when action was demanded, all we did was talk. Forgive us
Lord, when we think we see, and see not; when we think we
hear and hear not; when we think we act, and act not.
Forgive us and set us free, through Jesus Christ our Lord...**

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, NO. 579 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.**

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS Deacon Connie Black
 (After which preschool children may be taken to Children’s Church in the Education Building)

WELCOME TO THIS HOUR OF WORSHIP

We hope that you will be made to feel welcome here and that you will find this service helpful to you in your Christian life. If you are a visitor, please know that we are glad for your presence here. Please help us to know you better by filling out the Friendship Register and then pass it to the person seated next to you. Take note with whom you are worshiping and greet them warmly! Welcome one another to the Lord’s House! Should you be interested in joining this congregation, please check the appropriate box on the Friendship Register and we will be in touch with you, or you may call the church office at (662) 453-4680. The Session meets periodically at 10:35 a.m. on Sunday to receive new members into our congregation.

A Nursery Is Available for children 3 years and younger in Room 103 in the Van Arnold Education Building located directly across the street from the sanctuary.

Accessibility: Large print hymnals and Bibles, and hearing devices are available in the back of the sanctuary. At the end of the service, please return these to the back table.

Cell Phones and Photography: In order to maintain reverence during the ceremony, please silence all cell phones and other communication devices and refrain from unauthorized photography or recordings.

Internet Broadcast: To watch the service live on a computer, tablet, or smart phone, go to www.fpcgreenwood.org/video. Worship bulletins are available under the “Worship” tab on the website, as are archived services.

CD Ministry: Please fill out the blue card and place in the offering plate. Orders will be placed in the narthex when ready.

Community Food Pantry: Please bring canned food and place it in the Food Pantry Collection Box near the handicap entrance.

Hospital Visitation: Please call the church office to let us know whether you are in the hospital or know of any church member in the hospital, since the hospital here no longer lists names of hospitalized persons on a public register. Ryan Strawbridge is the hospital visitation elder for August.

Ushers for Today: Andy Austin, Robert Cole, Lisa Cookston, Jane Crump, Johnny Jennings (head), Floyd Melton III

Children’s Church for 4K-5K: Powell Litton. Children 2K-3K in Room 100.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 19, 2018 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 3:00 pm Indywood Sunday School 5:30 pm PYF – The Shed	Tuesday, August 21, 2018 5:00 pm Witness Committee
Monday, August 20, 2018 9:00 am FPK Teachers Meeting 9:35 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Deacons Meeting 6:00 pm Session Supper 6:30 pm Session Meeting	Wednesday, August 22, 2018 10:00 am Liturgy 5:00 pm Denominational Relations Task Force 5:30 pm Youth Bible Study Camp’s, 2703 River Rd. Ext. 6:00 pm Chancel Choir
	Thursday, August 23, 2018 Newsletter Information Deadline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Elizabeth and Floyd Melton, Jr., and in honor of the third graders receiving Bibles today: Salter Melton, Miriam Jane Rodgers, and Jo Thompson.

Congregational Meeting/September 23, 2018/11:00 a.m.: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for this day and time, in accordance with the Settlement Agreement with St. Andrew Presbytery, PCUSA. On this day this congregation will discuss and have a historic vote which will determine this congregation’s future denominational affiliation. The vote will be on the question: **Shall FPC, Greenwood request dismissal to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, another Reformed body?** The Session is recommending that the congregation vote to request dismissal to ECO since this is the only way this congregation may secure clear title to all its property. The quorum for this meeting is one-third of the members on the active roll. Two thirds of those present and voting on this day would be needed to retain all of the congregation’s property, but it would surrender its membership in the PCUSA. There are no absentee ballots. The vote will take place by secret ballot on September 23, 2018.

A New Sunday School Class began this morning with Pastor Steve leading the Journey Sunday School class in a study of the prayers of the New Testament. The class begins at 10 am and meets in the Maxwell Reception Room off Shuler Hall.

Presbyterian Women being installed as leaders this morning include: Buffee Jarman, Moderator; Lisa Melton and Allison Pillow, Vice-Moderators; Lizzie Powers, Secretary; Ashley Farmer, Treasurer; Lisa Cookston, Communicator. Those leading in other capacities, and being installed today, include: Laura Fincher, Mission Opportunities; Susan Gregory, Noon Circle Moderator; Betty Douglas and Pat Gullledge, Noon Circle Bible Moderators.

Indywood Sunday School meets this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. led by the Deacons.

Regular PYF this evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Shed.

Witness Committee meets Tuesday, August 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the Session Room for its first of four meetings with individuals and organizations who receive benevolence funds from the Session.

Denominational Relations Task Force meets Wednesday, August 22, at 5:00 p.m. in the Session Room.

Youth Bible Study meets Wednesday, August 22, at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Camp’s, 2703 River Rd. Ext.

The Staff Support Committee will be conducting staff conferences on Thursday, August 23 from 12:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the Session Room. Lunch will be provided.

Books on Display in Shuler Hall - The Christian Education Committee is featuring books recently acquired for the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library. Please feel free to check these out on the honor system. The beautiful wooden rolling cart was crafted by Solon Scott III, Solon Scott IV, and Ava Scott.