

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, May 12, 2024, 10:00am, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joanne Blair

INTROIT

"I Sing Because I'm Happy"
Chancel Choir

Dillworth

The music this morning is offered as an act of worship, therefore, please refrain from applause.

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelly Amick

One: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

Many: **From the waters of death, you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us.**

One: Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of life with you, through Christ our Lord.

Many: **We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

We are an intentionally inclusive congregation and value the richness of worshiping with all God's people. There are times in the sanctuary when shouts or other loud noises may occur. We accept these without judgment, unless they are signs of distress in need of attention.

†HYMN 33

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

Hymntune: LLANFAIR

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

"Jesus Loves Me" and "Music Prayer"

Music Makers led by Charlotte Marjorie

After Time With the Younger Church, children 3 years old—5th grade will proceed to their classrooms.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Confession acknowledges the reality of sin in our personal and corporate lives. This practice relieves us from the burden of sin and reminds us of the promise of God's forgiveness and grace sealed in our baptism.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†RESPONSE 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

**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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.

Many: **Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All: **Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

One: The word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 1

Please follow along with the reading on page 489 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

ANTHEM

“The Heavens are Telling”
Chancel Choir

Haydn

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

One: The word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

John 17:6-19

Please follow along with the reading on page 111 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

SERMON

“Taking on God's Name”

Rev. Ted Thode

“And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” John 17:11

OFFERING INFORMATION

*Members and guests, please sign the Fellowship Pads
to let us know of your presence with us.*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace”
FPC Ringers

McChesney

†THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

†HYMN 838 "Standing on the Promises"

†BENEDICTION

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE "Kingsfold Te Deum" Tucker
FPC Ringers

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service.

Our liturgist this morning is Shelly Amick. Shelly has been a member of FPC since 1999. Shelly has served as a Deacon and was part of the Pastor Nominating Committee that brought us Rev. Lou Nyiri. She works for Accenture. In her free time, Shelly and her husband, Gary, love to travel, entertain and do house projects.

The flowers today are dedicated to their favorite mothers, Mary Cosner, Jane Tobias, and Christine Coleman, from Emily and Paul Tobias.

Visitors, thank you for joining us today. Please sign the Fellowship Pad or use this QR code to register your attendance:



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Hymntune: PROMISES

The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day's worship.

Welcome in Christ's name to First Presbyterian Church! You are welcome here just as you are at whatever place in your spiritual journey that you find yourself. If you have any questions about who we are, what we believe, or what we do, please ask one of our elders or pastors. They will be pleased to visit with you. Please know that you are invited to join us for coffee and goodies following the service in Calvin Hall.

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.