



Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 16, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Leader: Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

People: *For some of us, our father's love is like God's love -- too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.*

Leader: Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

People: *For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.*

Leader: All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.

All: *On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.*

* HYMN 467 (Blue Hymnal)

How Great Thou Art

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, Father that you are, you know what is right for us, but too often we only want our way or no way, instead of your way. Have mercy upon us when we turn from you. Forgive us when we do not realize your fatherly love and direction for us. Have mercy upon us indeed, and teach us anew how to follow you,

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(based on Psalm 68:19-20)

Bless our Father God, the God of our salvation, who daily bears us up and rescues us from sin and death. Our God is a God who saves!

*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.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE MORNING PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*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 THANKSGIVING

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 21:1-21

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Ephesians 6:2-3

THE SERMON:

"Father Abraham"

Dr. William D. Coker

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*THE FIRST CREED

Leader: Jesus is Lord!

People: *Jesus is Lord, indeed!*

All: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.*

*HYMN #293 (Blue hymnal)

This is My Father's World

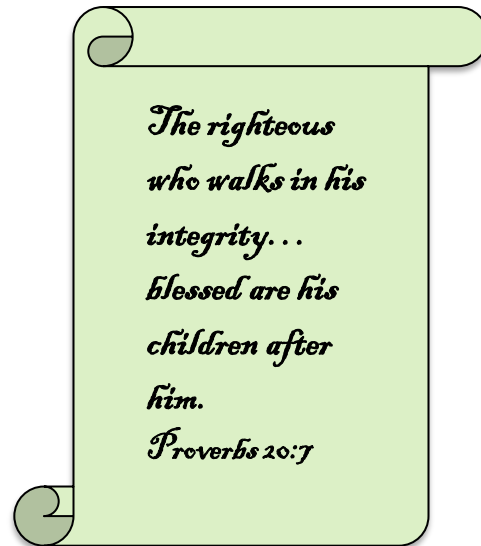
*BENEDICTION

We ask your blessing upon the fathers standing here before us. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live. Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care and grant that their children may always honor them with a spirit of profound respect.

POSTLUDE - (*) We stand as we are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **8 Most Significant Words: “Who will you invite to church next Sunday?”**
2. **#1 Reason to Be at First Pres: Because we know why we’re here – to share the Real Jesus.**
3. **We’re on a mission for God. Plan to join by Profession of Faith in Christ, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Transfer of Letter and help us make a difference for Christ in Tifton.**
4. **Copies of the June calendar have been placed on the table in the back of the church.**
5. **Our fellowship luncheon will be today after the worship service.**
6. **Spread the word that our worship services are on “Facebook Live” and “Instagram” every Sunday.**
7. **Invite, Invite, Invite. Your invitation may change a life for Christ. We are creating a “Culture of Invitation” here at First Pres through the following “Commitments for Christ”, which are easy ways for you to invite others:**
 - #3 – Heartwarming worship stories.
 - #7 – Service jobs and ways to make a difference in the Church.
 - #10 – The movie “Jesus Revolution.”
 - #12 – A new Chancel Choir.



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