

Hope for us All

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 23, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Unison* Based on Acts 8:3
Though persecution must not drive us from our work, yet it may send us to work elsewhere. Wherever the established believer is driven, he carries the knowledge of the gospel, and makes known the preciousness of Christ in every place. Where a simple desire of doing good influences the heart, it will be found impossible to shut a man out from all opportunities of usefulness. Let us worship God.

***HYMN #420 (Blue hymnal)** *God of Grace and God of Glory (1,3,4)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Unison*
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Timothy 2:3-6
God our Savior wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. Amen.

***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:

Psalm 51:10

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Acts 9:1-20, 26-28

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"Do You Need A New Beginning?"

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** ***THE APOSTLES CREED** (responsive)

Leader: The Apostles' Creed is a 2nd Century affirmation of faith that has been used in worship throughout the centuries. It summarizes what we believe about the Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Friends, what do you believe about God the Father?

People: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth;*

Leader: What do you believe about God the Son?

People: *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.*

Leader: What do you believe about God the Holy Ghost?

People: *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.*

***HYMN 370 (Blue Hymnal)**

Just As I Am (1,3,4)

*BENEDICTION

Friends, go forth in joy. Serve those in need. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. When you do these things, every morning will become a new beginning with Christ. Amen.

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. *Spread the word that our worship services are on "Facebook Live" and "Instagram" every Sunday.*
6. *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.*

*But by the grace of God I am what I am,
His grace toward me did not prove vain;
1 Corinthians 15:10a*



Conversion of Paul by Michelangelo Pauline Chapel, Vatican, 1542-1545

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