

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 20, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 663 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun* MORNING HYMN

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isa. 56:7

One: My house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples,
says the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

CALL TO CONFESSION

from Isa. 56:1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

from Rom. 11:30-32

Holy God,
we confess we have not been obedient
to your will for us.
We have sought justice for ourselves
but neglected justice for others.
We have insisted on our rights
but have not lived rightly in our relationships.
We have desired mercy for our sins,
but we have not offered mercy to those
who have sinned against us.
By the power of your Holy Spirit
free us from the prison of our disobedience.
Help us to love as you have loved us
that our lives may testify to your abounding grace
though Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Rom. 11:29

Friends, the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Receive
the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others, in the name of
Jesus Christ. Amen.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

*RESPONSE 581

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.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

PSALM 67

(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 5:14-16

SERMON

"A Motel 6 Life"

Dr. Phil Majors

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CURCIFER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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;
on 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 life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

page 35 in hymnal

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Let us give as God has so abundantly given to us.

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY 606

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

HYMN 749 *Come! Live in the Light!* (refrain only) WE ARE CALLED

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

TODAY! @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue
Wed., Aug. 23 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., Aug. 24 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer

Looking Ahead

Sun., Aug. 27 @ 12:00pm - Called Congregational Meeting to
vote on reducing the number of
Deacons and Elders
Sun., Sept. 3 @ 12:00pm - Congregation Input into Pastor Search
and Pizza lunch
Sun. Sept. 17 @ 11:00am - Fall Worship & picnic at SomerSport
Wed. Sept. 20 @ 5:30pm - Cajun Night Fellowship Meal

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Laura Wright
Ushers.....Sue Guffey & Kim King
Sound.....Jon Burlew & Paul Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew

First Reading—Psalm 67

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
 and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
 2 that your way may be known upon earth,
 your saving power among all nations.
 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you.
 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you.
 6 The earth has yielded its increase;
 God, our God, has blessed us.
 7 May God continue to bless us;
 let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading—Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Mike Mink & family; Alice Harrison; Pauline & Bill House's son, Jack Wood; Faustine Norfleet & family; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Mary Beth Waller's mom, Wilma Boyd; Carol Prater; Jennifer Williams; the family of Tana Young, Erin Stephens and family in the passing of her mother; Rebecca Davis; Richard Wright's sister Peggy; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Nora Harp; Jared and Ann Hines; Jack Reynold's children; Bill House; Ed & Joyce Mick; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of July	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$13,455	\$13,934	\$94,141	\$97,536
Non-Pledged	\$4,785	\$3,154	\$28,396	\$22,080

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Jane Evans
Ushers.....Jo & Jimmy Salmon
Sound.....Terry Randall
Coffee Plus.....Erin Stephens
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....Dr. Phil Majors

Deacons:

Paula Burlew Eileen Stockham Carol Prater
 Cindy Fountain Mary Beth Waller Stephanie Ousley

Elders:

Class of 2023 *Class of 2024* *Class of 2025*
 Forrest Brock Charles Leveridge Kelly Joplin
 Kimberly King Zack Vaught Sharon Mandt
 Chris Phillips John Wright Perry Waller

First Presbyterian Church

August 20th, 2023

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



Hochhalter, Cara B.. Let Your Light Shine, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59034> [retrieved February 2, 2023]. Original source: Cara B. Hochhalter.

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.