



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost
October 25, 2020

THE PRELUDE

Marilyn Seel

WELCOME

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE #260 A Mighty Fortresses Is Our God (Vs. 1, 2 & 4)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing.
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe. Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing?
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.
4. That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The spirit and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Clark

Jesus said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all of the law and the prophets.

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Rev. Mike Clark

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess:

**We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves
nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation.**

**We have judged unjustly,
regarded others ungenerously,
profited at the losses of those near and distant,
borne grudges, desired vengeance,
and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing.**

**We long to live in accord with your desire
that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty
will govern our hearts and minds,
turning us toward lives of peace.**

Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Mike Clark

Brothers and sisters,
the Holy One who promises forgiveness to those
who seek the good, hears your confession.

As the crucified and risen child of God,
your Redeemer fully knows your sorrow
and your desire for reconciled relationships.

You are forgiven.

In that promise is the power to love your
neighbors and yourselves as beloved of God
who created all that exists.

THE GLORIA PATRI (UNISON)

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.

PSALM 1

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

OUR OFFERINGS

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

THE DOXOLOGY (UNISON)

**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 (UNISON)

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

Generous and life-giving God,
you made your people in your image,
sent your Son to be the face of your healing love in our midst,
and promised through the Holy Spirit your guidance and power.
We thank you for the ways in which your people have cared for each of us.
We thank you for the ability to give for the sake of others.
We ask your blessing on these offerings
that through them the needs of this world can be met.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

Ralph Gillespie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mike Clark

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.

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:37-40
John 8: 31-36*

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MESSAGE

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THIS WE BELIEVE (UNISON)

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

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; 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mike Clark

BENEDICTION

Rev. Mike Clark

POSTLUDE

Marilyn Seel

Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas 2020

First Presbyterian Church Helena, Arkansas (Organized- 1849 Members- 19)

West End Presbyterian Church, Arkadelphia, Arkansas

(Organized- 1901 Members- 51)



Virtual Communion on Sunday, November 1st

We will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday, November 1 by way of virtual worship. We have individual Communion Serving Sets that will be available for pick up on Tuesday, October 27; Wednesday, October 28; or Thursday, October 29th between 9 am and 12pm. If you want to participate in the virtual Communion Service please come by the church, drive up under the office canopy and someone will bring the Communion Serving Set to you.

Instructions will be included as to how to open the Communion Serving Set.

If you know of someone who cannot pick up the Communion Serving Sets and would like to participate, it would be greatly appreciated if you would offer to deliver it to them.

DON'T FORGET TO STOP BY THE CHURCH TO PICK UP YOUR OPERATION

CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES!

(You may also bring a check for \$20.00 to the church office, made out to First Presbyterian Church designated for Operation Christmas Child, and Sarah Kelly will prepare a box for you!) Shoebox collection ends November 15th!!

