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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand, as you are able*

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Haley Crew

Prelude

Processional on a Gaelic Melody

Brian Glyncannon

Blessing of Families

At this time you are invited to hold a memento or memory of your family while the blessing is pronounced.

*Call to Worship

Haley Crew

One: Throughout the human story the spirit of God continues to speak,

Many: in visions and voices, in images and ideas,

One: and in all languages and all times, to all people in all places,

Many: inviting the people of God to discover new revelation.

One: To Luther and Calvin and Wesley and Knox and Mary Dyer, Susan Anthony and Rosa Parks, the Spirit came as a reformer's fire, blazing in the heart.

Many: And still the Spirit comes to us today

One: in new voices and new visions

Many: and in new understandings of the voices and visions passed on to us from yesterday.

One: It may burn in our hearts like fire or whisper in the silence as a still, small voice. It may sing to us from the stars or sneak up on us from within, or embrace us in the touch of another child of God.

Many: But we are here today, because the Spirit speaks to us and we respond! Reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God.

* Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

***Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

deNay Kirkpatrick

Every generation has found its home in you, God our provider, and discovered that every moment spent in your holy presence lasts beyond all imaginable time. You watch over us in the night, cradling us in your arms as tenderly as a nurse cares for her children, and her neighbor's. Full of wisdom, Imagination of Creation, you humbled yourself that we might learn to love those who have been swept aside by a callous and cruel world. Witness to God's grace, you call us to act in ways of love of peace to all we meet in this life. In the fresh breeze on a summer's day; in the leaves dancing across autumn's lawns; in the crisp, new snowfall crunching beneath our feet; in the new life flowering in the spring: from everlasting to everlasting, you proclaim God's grace to us, Spirit of Life. God in Community, Holy in One, continue to be the dwelling place of our minds, our hearts, our souls. Amen.

A Moment with the Children

Call to Confession

Prayer of confession (Unison)

As you know, God our healer, we stand on the edge of your promises and hopes, yet cannot seem to let ourselves cross over into the life you intend for us. We seek praise from our families, yet are unable to tell them how much we love them; we care more about our needs and desires, than for the struggles of our neighbors; we think more about the trash we read and see than focusing on the Spirit of wisdom. Forgive us, Everlasting God. Renew our lives with your grace; restore our hopes with your vision of tomorrow; refresh our spirits with your joy which comes to us new in each moment in the gift of your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of pardon

One: This moment, this morning, this day, and in all the days to come, God's compassion and hope fill our lives. What joyous good news!

Many: **Our hope is not in vain. God forgives our sins, and is the dwelling place for all people. Thanks be to God. 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, amen.**

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

- 1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
- 6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
- 13 Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
- 14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.
- 16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- 17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands!

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Anthem

We Rest on Thee

James Koerts

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender,
We go not forth alone against the foe;
strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender.
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.
We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender,
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors, we rest with Thee through endless days.
We rest on Thee through endless days.

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” 37 He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 and a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” 41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 42 “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” 43 He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? 45 If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” 46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

Sermon

***Hymn 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***A Litany for Reformation Sunday**

Nicene Creed

One: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

Apostles’ Creed

Many: the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints.

Scots Confession

One This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with the Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

Heidelberg Catechism

Many: We believe that, from the beginning to the end of the world, and from among the whole human race, the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, in the unity of the true faith, a congregation chosen for eternal life.

Second Helvetic

One: The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion of all saints, namely, of those who truly now and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers in all the benefits which are freely offered through Christ.

Westminster Confession of Faith

Many: **The visible Church, which is also catholic or universal under the gospel, consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, together with their children; and is the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ; the house and family of God.**

Larger Catechism

One: The visible church has the privilege of being under God's special care and government; of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies; and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation, and offers of grace by Christ, to all members of it, in the ministry of the gospel, testifying that whosoever believes in him shall be saved, and excluding none that will come unto him.

Theological Declaration of Barmen

Many: **The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.**

Confession of 1967

One: The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So, to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Brief Statement of Faith

Many: **With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Communion of Empty Hands

Invitation to the Table and the Prayer of Communion

One: This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. We gather here - at this table of grace - to celebrate the goodness of God and the abundance of God's love. In a spirit of unity, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who are here for the first time, you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come as God's beloved, beautiful and blessed.

Many: **We come to this table thankful, for the abundance of God's world; thankful that there is more than enough food and grace to go around. We come, thankful that Jesus came to show us the way - the way of steadfast love and compassion, the way of forgiveness and unity. We come, thankful that the Spirit is alive in us and among us.**

One: We need to be at this table because there are wounds in the Body of Christ that need healing. There are members in this body who are hurting. There are neighbors who suffer - sisters and brothers, sons and daughters who do not have enough to eat or access to clean water. As we gather together in spirit, let us remember the tenacity of God's Love and the creative power of God's Spirit brooding over the face of the earth.

- Let us pray: Merciful God, we give thanks for all of the rich treasures of your creation: for tiny seeds and giant trees, for grain, yeast, salt, and water, for fruit, soil and sunshine, for the things we grow and the mysteries of life, for the wonders and surprises in nature that startle us into gratitude.
- Many:** **Loving Christ, we give you thanks for all the treasures of relationships: for those who have gone before us in faith and courage, for family memories passed down, for the stories we tell in church that help us to see your goodness, for the Biblical narrative that sets the pattern for each of our lives and our life together.**
- One: Holy Spirit, we give you thanks: for the gift of this table around which we gather; for all who make nourishment and clean water possible; for this community that connects us in ever widening circles; and for the hope and vision of a time and place where everyone will have enough to eat and drink, and we will all sit at table as one body.

Silent Reflection

The 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.

*The Communion of Empty Hands

- One: Friends, here we gather for a communion of empty hands. The absence of a common loaf reflects a world of profound food insecurity; the absence of a cup filled to the brim reflects a world where water has become a precious commodity.
- Many:** **We gather in solidarity with all of God's children in need around the world -those who are hungry and have no food, those who are thirsty and have no access to clean water. We gather as truth-tellers, mindful of the stories that challenge injustice, inequality, racism and poverty. We gather remembering the stories that empower the powerless.**
- One: Here we gather remembering this story: On the night of his betrayal and arrest, Jesus sat at table with his followers and friends and shared a meal. After the meal, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and invited all to take eat and remember. He took the cup, blessed it and invited all to take, drink and remember.
- Many:** **Now as we share in the communion of empty hands, we remember the church -breaking bread as Jesus did, pouring the wine and inviting all to taste and see that the Lord is good. We remember that the gifts of God are for all of the people of God.**
- One: Let us enact this holy meal in a spirit of unity: breaking the bread, and dipping the bread in the cup as Jesus did; sharing the feast as one.

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Donations of nonperishable food items will be distributed through our partnership with Three Hots and a Cot. As we receive the offering of special music, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the baskets at the front of the sanctuary.

One: We are called to be the church; in a spirit of gratitude, we are called to return to God a portion of God's gifts to us, that the fullness of life might be manifest in the world. The morning offering will be received.

Offertory

Meditation on CANDLER
Traditional Scottish Melody

James Mansfield

***The 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 Dedication**

***Hymn 702**

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

***Charge and Blessing**

And all God's children say, "**Alleluia! Amen!**"

***Choral Benediction**

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

***Postlude**

God, the Almighty

Gary Davidson

*A Litany for Reformation Sunday is composed of excerpts from the Creeds, Catechisms,
and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*

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The Reformation

The Protestant Reformation took root in Europe during the late 15th and early 16th centuries as church leaders grew more and more critical of the practices of the church. People like Jan Hus, Peter Waldo, and John Wycliffe sought reform in the church but it wasn't until a German Monk Priest wrote out a detailed list in Wittenberg, Germany that The Reformation officially began. That Monk Priest was Martin Luther who is often seen as the Heart of the Reformation. This "95 Theses" was nailed to the church door on October 31, 1517, on All Saints Day. Luther never wanted the church to schism. Reformation Sunday is also a day we mourn the tragic separation found in the One Body of Christ.

The Presbyterians

Once reformation had sparked, it spread like wildfire throughout Europe. Leaders like Huldrych Zwingli debated Luther from the Swiss Reformation. A young French lawyer, John Calvin traveled to Geneva where he brought a scholarship unparalleled by other reformers. Calvin became the mind of the Reformation and drew many to Geneva to study under his guidance. One student was a Priest from Scotland, exiled for his beliefs. The Scottish clergy, John Knox, took Calvin's study with him back to Scotland where the Presbyterian Church took wing. Calvin was critical of too much power being in the hands of too few people. Knox placed the leadership of the church not with Priests, Bishops, or Popes, but with those elected by the congregation as Elder. The Greek word for Elder is Presbos, thus Presbyterian means "ruled by Elders." The Presbyterians formed councils much like their predecessors but instead of clergy having the last word on governance, the congregation sought God's will together. This early glimpse of democracy will give English Colonists an idea or two in the years to come.

The History

The ceremony of Kirkin' o' the Tartans is of American origin, though based on Scottish history and legend. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, a special Act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts, plaid, or any tartan which represented Scottish heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill upon sight any person dressed in Highland garb or displaying the tartan.

As the Legend Goes

This Act prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartan as they went to the Kirk. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against tartan lasted for nearly 50 years. At the repeal of the Act, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

The First Kirkin'

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. held the first Kirkin' during World War II. The late Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, then pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and later chaplain of the U. S. Senate, led the service in 1943, choosing "Kirkin' o' the Tartans" for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. His sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with the proceeds from the sales designated for war relief programs. As the war continued, the D.C. Saint Andrew's Society continued to hold services of unified prayer for the subjects of the British Isles. These became known as Kirkin's. In 1947 he was elected Chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

The Service

The worship service is for traditional content, using much of the Church of Scotland form. Central to its theme is the presentation of various tartans-through flags and the wearing of tartans-for a blessing. Clans were simply a fathering of peoples for their protection and for economic, political, and social support. Clansmen demonstrated a true brotherhood of man, and the tartan is a symbol of this love and togetherness. The Kirkin' is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage, and to celebrate God's grace poured out for all generations.

The Beadle

A kilted Beadle leads the worship procession carrying the Bible to the front of the sanctuary and the pulpit. Reminiscent of an old custom of the Church of Scotland, this tradition highlights the Bible as the Word of our Lord and the center of our faith. The ancient office of "doorkeeper"-with origins dating back to the early synagogues of Galilee and Judea, and the early Christian church-was no doubt, the seed from which the Beadle grew. In the Roman Catholic Church of pre-Reformation times, the doorkeeper was ordained to his office. Post-Reformation, he lost his ecclesiastical standing, but gained more social status. In the earliest days, his charge was to open church doors at the correct times to the faithful; close them always to the unfaithful. As discipline became less of an issue, the function developed toward a messenger role for the Minster and Session. By the time the Reformation took hold, the position became known by the Latin, "Bedellus"-a word referring to a messenger or summoner of parties to court, in this case the session. The term Bedellus was too cumbersome for the Scots, and over time it evolved into Beadle. When church attendance was compulsory, every absentee was hunted down-by the Beadle-to appear before the Session. The Beadle was indispensable, and a difficult position to fill, requiring moral, mental, and physical strength, in addition to knowledge of the townfolk, church liturgy, and the Bible. In addition to his service as messenger, his Sunday mornings were full. Once the church doors were opened-and by now the doorkeeper reported to the Beadle-the Beadle began by ringing the bell. He then fetched the Bible from the Sessionhouse, took it to the pulpit, and escorted the Minister to the same. During the service, he monitored the sanctuary continually for lagers and disturbances. By the mid-to-late 1800's, the position died out to various paid church staff to be revived during the 1900's throughout much of Scotland and many Presbyterian churches in the United States.

Welcome to Cahaba Springs

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning at Cahaba Springs! To learn more about our worship, learning, fellowship, and service opportunities, please pick up a copy of our calendar in the entryway or visit us online at cspchurch.org. We encourage you to participate in any opportunity that interests you and hope you will return often.

Children: We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available during worship, staffed by experienced workers. During the 11:00 am service, children are invited forward for a special message during *A Moment with the Children*, then may continue to worship with their family or go to Junior Church. Worship bags for children are available in the Narthex.

Communion: All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the offering plates that will be passed around during the offertory, or you may give securely online through eOffering - an information sheet on eOffering is on the table in the entryway.

PRAYER CONCERNS

for our church family...

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie	Joan Lowery	Tom Lowery
Edward Giddens	Serena Jenkins	Jean Camp	Carol Brown
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Cecile Floyd	Chuck Smith	Betty Quattlebaum
Corbett Millar	Rosemary Holcomb	Julie Smith	Randy Little
Steve Goodwin			

for our extended family...

Lisa Kraye Smith	Jennifer Lee	Grayson Pope	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Virginia Yarbrough	Leslie Speakman
Joy Martin	Don McCants	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
Matthias	Ophelia Nichols	Gene Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Shelley Easterling	Barry Parvin	Aaron Dailey	Cindi Wesley
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Laura Stalls
Laura Rainey	C. J. Fonte	David Narkates	Deborah Braswell
Tommy Robbins	Kevin Little	Amy Baughman	Andy Lewis
Nancy Carlisle	Beth Lundberg	Bennett Fuller	Gene McKean
Philippe Lathrop			

grieving the loss of loved ones . . .

the family of Bill Little

If you need someone to drive you to doctor appointments or other necessary places, please call the church office. We have a list of people that will be glad to assist you.

Sunday, November 12, at 2:00 PM, Edgewood Presbyterian church will host a retirement get-together in honor of Pat Fitzsimmons, long-time organist. Pat was the organist for Cahaba Springs Church for many years and moved with Amanda Klimko to work with her at Edgewood. Please join us in recognizing Pat on this special day. Questions? Call Laura Reichert 205-601-0327 or email Laura Reichert 2023@gmail.com

October/November Happenings at Cahaba Springs

Three Hots & Cot & Communion of Empty Hands – today. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for our veterans.

Reformation Sunday today. We will celebrate with a Kirkin of the Tartans or Blessing of the Family service.

Fellowship Lunch – Sunday, November 5th immediately following worship. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; meat will be provided.

Stated Session Meeting – Sunday, November 5th at 1:00 PM.

1st Tuesday Dinner – Tuesday, November 7th at 6:00 PM at El Patron in Trussville.

PHFC Workday – Wednesday, November 8th. We will meet at CSPC parking lot and leave for the Home at 8:30 and plan to return by 3:00. Please confirm availability with George Fritsma.

Knit Wits – Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 AM

XYZ Monthly Luncheon – Tuesday, November 14th at 11:30 AM. We will have soups & salads.

PW Monthly Luncheon & Study – Sunday, November 19th immediately following worship. We will study Chapter 3 of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir. Please bring a side or dessert.

Church Office Closed – Thursday, November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving.

TEAM Food Collection & Communion of Empty Hands – Sunday, November 26th. Please bring nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

Decorating for Advent – Sunday, November 26th immediately following worship. We really need everyone that can to stay and help make our church a beautiful place for the upcoming Advent season.

Community Caroling & Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – Sunday, November 26th beginning at 4:30 PM on the Trussville Mall. We will invite children to “write letters to Santa” with the assistance of our own Mrs. Claus.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, November 28th at 5:30 PM in Room 226 led by Karen O’Brien. This month’s discussion will be on *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris.

Classes Offered at Cahaba Springs

Reel to Real – Sundays at 9:30 AM in *Harmony Hall* led by Steve Goodwin. This is a discussion class based on movies and how they relate to us biblically. Some of the movies we will be discussing include:

Oct. 29 – The Contender and/or
The Candidate

Nov. 5 – Gladiator and/or Spartacus
Nov. 12 – Lilies of the Field

Growing in Grace & Gratitude -- Sundays at 9:30 AM. *The children grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the (grace) of God was upon them. – Luke 2:40.* Children nurtured in the love and grace of God learn the story of who and whose they are by watching, listening, tasting, smelling, playing, and exploring holy things in the context of a faith community. We welcome the children as God's beloved who will seek to follow Christ. We are in need of teachers, so if you would like to serve, please see Karen Brown or Linda Inzer. Please see below a schedule of teachers that have volunteered:

Oct. – Haley Crew

Nov. – Liz Hughins

Dec. – Lynda Mclean & Linda Inzer

Thursdays Together – Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We are studying *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It* by Robert Fulghum. Quoting a man rescued from a burning bed, the title is a clue to the merriment in some of the essays collected here, inviting readers to laugh as they empathize with those who put themselves in absurd situations. These stories remind us that there is a clownish facet in everyone's character, one of the traits that make us human.

Other Weekly Events

Chancel Choir – Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

Chordmakers – Fridays at 5:30 PM in Harmony Hall. Please join us for good food, fun, fellowship, and of course music

Birmingham Youth Group – Sundays, meeting at 4:20 PM at CSPC and traveling to various Presbyterian Churches. This is a gathering of youth from several Presbyterian Churches as a way to connect, socialize and learn. Transportation and dinner are provided. Contact Karen Brown for additional information.

Mission Projects

National First Responder Day is October 28. CSPC will deliver treat baskets to local first responders to say thank you. If you see/ know a first responder, please remember to pray for their safety and thank them for their service to the community!

Mistletoe Market

We are collecting new and like new toys and books for kids of all ages for local families in need. Donations can be placed in the safe room across from the choir room or given to Haley Crew. Please contact Haley with any questions!

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A church where all people
are welcomed and cared for,
empowered to grow spiritually,
and equipped to serve God
and each other in meaningful ways