



## Service for the Lord's Day

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

October 8, 2023

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

*\*Please stand, as you are able*

#### Chiming of the Hour

#### Welcome and Announcements

Cynthia Sartin

#### Prelude

*Chanson*

Johann Ernst Galliard

#### \*Call to Worship

Cynthia Sartin

One: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**Many: God's people called to community where simple grace nourishes us.**

One: From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

**Many: God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.**

One: From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

**Many: God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.**

#### \* Hymn 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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#### \*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

deNay Kirkpatrick

**Invisible God, give us hearts to see the things our eyes overlook. Open our hearts to feel the things our hands can't touch. Open our hearts to hear the still, small voice which sounds like only silence to our listening ears. Teach us to know you for what you really are – not flash or thunder, but love, softly spoken, flowing like a fountain, bathing the soul and the skin. Amen.**

#### A Moment with the Children

*Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon*

# CONFESSING TO GOD

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

If we were to name all the gods we have before you, Rock of Redemption, we would be here a very long time. We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we are. We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy, we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace. Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

## Silent Reflection

### Assurance of Pardon

One: Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

Many: **Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, we are freed to forgive; graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet. 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.**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Prayer of Illumination

Cynthia Sartin

### First Reading

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*Christ, Beside Me*

Tom Fettke

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, the King of my heart;  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me; He will never depart.  
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.  
Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, the King of my heart;  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me; He will never depart. Amen!

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 21:1-14**

33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

deNay Kirkpatrick

\* Hymn 353

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

\*Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*)

In faith, we acknowledge that God has acted in the past, in a holy history. In faith, we confess that God seeks to rule our lives today. In faith, we affirm that God continues to send prophets and speak through willing vessels to guide the course of all history toward its end. In faith, we imagine that end to be characterized by the traits we find in Jesus Christ: compassion, justice, and love. In faith, we long to be part of that purpose. Amen.

Stewardship Minute

George Fritsma

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Meditation*

Don Phillips

\* 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

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Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

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.

## SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

\* Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

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\* Charge and Blessing

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One You are a blessed people.

**Many: We will go to be a blessing in the world.**

One: You are the face of Jesus.

**Many: We will go to be love and compassion to all.**

One: You are the family of God.

**Many: We will go to serve our sisters and brothers wherever we may find them.**

And all God's children say,

**"Alleluia! Amen!"**

**Choral Benediction**

*A Blessing*

Carla Giomo

\* Postlude

*Trumpet Tune in G major*

Patricia Lou Harris

*Liturgy adapted from Lectionary Liturgies written by Thom M. Shuman  
and from Touch Holiness edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi*

### ***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](http://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

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### *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
Kay Prevatt	Rosemary Holcomb	Julie Smith	Randy Little
Corbett Millar			

### *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	Carol Bos	Amy Baughman	Andy Lewis
Nancy Carlisle	Bill Little	Bennett Fuller	Gene McKean
Beth Lundberg	Kevin 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.***

## **October Happenings at Cahaba Springs**

**Congregational Meeting** – today immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to approve 3 new Elders to Class of 2026.

**Blessing of the Animals** – today at 3:00 PM in the driveway in front of the Narthex doors. Bring any caged, leashed, stuffed animals or pictures of your animals for a special service of blessing. Water and treats will be available for the animals.

**PHFC Workday** – Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at CSPC parking lot and leave for the Home at 8:30 and plan to return by 3. Please confirm availability with George Fritsma.

**Knit Wits** – Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Ladies' Room.

**PW Monthly Luncheon & Study** – Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. Lynda McLean will teach Chapter 2 of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir. Please bring a salad or dessert.

**XYZ Monthly Luncheon** – Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM in Harmony Hall. This will be a covered dish meal, so please bring your favorite dish to share. deNay will be sharing highlights and photos from her recent trip to Scotland.

**TEAM Food Collection** – Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

**CSPC Book Club** – Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. This month's discussion led by Karen O'Brien will be on *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom.

**Three Hots & Cot** – Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting coffee (no decaf, please) and paper products for our veterans.

**Reformation Sunday** – Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. We will celebrate with a Kirkin of the Tartan or Blessing of the Family service.

**Communion of Empty Hands** will be celebrated on October 22 and October 29.

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 Kilmko 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

## ***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. 8 – Traffic

Oct. 15 -- Chocolat

Oct. 22 – What Women Want

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

Dec. – Lynda Mclean & Linda Inzer

Nov. – Liz Hughins

***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

### Habitat House:

"For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything." Hebrews 3:4

Your help is needed with the Presbytery Habitat for Humanity build in Pleasant Grove! Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older and no construction experience is required! You must register as a volunteer online. Scan the QR code below to create your volunteer profile or view the volunteer calendar. Open slots can be claimed on their volunteer calendar or we can also combine on IPC volunteer days. Please talk with Haley Crew if you are ready to roll up your sleeves and get to work!!



### Lovelady Center

The Lovelady Center is in need of women's toiletries and hygiene products. Please drop any donations in the basket located in the Narthex by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 Preist 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 Thesis" was nailed to the church door on October 31, 1517, on All Saints Day. Luther never wanted to church to schism. Reformation Sunday is also a day we mourn the tragic separation found in the One Body of Christ.

## **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, plain, 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.

## **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.

## **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 Tartan" 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 Dr. Marshall was elected Chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

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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