



Service for the Lord's Day

May 7, 2023

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

Cahaba Springs . . .

Is 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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand, as you are able*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

David Perry

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

arr. Patricia Lou Harris

***Call to Worship** (based on John 14:1-7)

David Perry

One: Gather us, O God

Many: There is room for us all.

One: Dwell with us, O God.

Many: Show us the way.

One: Guide us, O God.

Many: We give thanks and praise for Christ as our way, truth and life.

***Hymn 401**

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

***Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

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O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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)

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* 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

David Perry

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

55But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” 57But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Let the Heart of Them Rejoice

Stan Pethel

Let the heart of them rejoice, let the heart of them rejoice,
Let the heart of them rejoice, that seek the Lord.
Glory in His holy name, glory in His holy name,
Glory in His holy name, give thanks to the Lord.
Remember His marvelous works, for He is the Lord our God;
His wonders are in all the earth, remember His marvelous works.
Let the heart of them rejoice, let the heart of them rejoice,
Let the heart of them rejoice; that seek the Lord.
Let the heat of them rejoice!

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

1“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Believe

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***Hymn 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*** Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

(from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

arr. David Hamilton

LANDAS, Norwegian melody

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed,
I trust the ever living One, His wounds for me shall plead.

*** 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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PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you
Many: And also with you
One: Lift up your hearts
Many: We lift them to the Lord
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

Prayers of the People (based on Psalm 31 and a prayer by Howard Thurman)

Silent Prayer

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.

Sharing of the Sacraments (Intinction)

We will be celebrating Holy Communion by intinction. You will come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. If you prefer to remain seated, please let one of the ushers know and we will gladly bring communion to you.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

* Hymn 838	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	PROMISES
* Charge and Blessing		deNay Kirkpatrick
	And all God's children say: "Alleluia! Amen!"	
* Choral Benediction	<i>Three-fold Amen</i>	Traditional
* Postlude	<i>Rondeau</i>	<i>Jean Joseph Mouret</i>
	Joe Carter, organ Kay Carter, piano	arr. Mary and Louis Ball

Liturgy provided by *The Presbyterian Outlook*, written by Teri McDowell Ott

May Happenings at Cahaba Springs

Fellowship Luncheon -- today immediately following worship in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a side or salad; meat and dessert will be provided. Following the luncheon, there will be a wedding shower to honor Karen Rainwater and Jacob Brown. We will have a money tree for the couple. If you would like to contribute.

XYZ May Luncheon – Tuesday, May 16th at 11:30 AM in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a covered dish and we will play several games of bingo following lunch.

Healing Grief in the Body of Christ – Wednesday, May 17th from 5:00-7:30 PM in *Harmony Hall* led by Rev. Dr. Jane Geiger of Grace Ministries. Many of us grieve the loss of loved ones, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ at Cahaba Springs. Rev. Dr. Geiger, pastor and licensed counselor, has assisted many who have faced loss, most recently the staff at the Presbyterian Home for Children who mourn the sudden loss of Vice President Felicia Ayers Story. Please use the signup sheet in the narthex to reserve your seat at this important and meaningful time together as we share our love and compassion. There will be a light supper. Dr. Geiger leads our discussion with no charge to Cahaba Springs, and all donations go to Grace Ministries to help those in need.

PW Monthly Luncheon & Study – Sunday, May 21st immediately following worship in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a salad or dessert. We will study Lesson 9 of *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol M. Bechertl. We will also collect our annual birthday offering.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, May 23rd. This month's discussion will be on *Sensible Shoes* by Sharon Brown led by Karen O'Brien.

CSPC Yard Sale – May 26-27; rain date June 2-3. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please consider bringing your gently used clothing, household items, and small furniture for our huge yard sale! Items may be brought to the church now during normal business hours or on Sunday. We will need lots of volunteers to do the pricing, staging, etc. prior to the sale & many others the days of the sale. Please see Lynda McLean or Karen O'Brien for any other information. All proceeds go towards the general fund.

TEAM Food Collection – Sunday, May 28th. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

Pentecost Celebration – Sunday, May 28th. Details to follow.

Church Office Closed – Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Mission Opportunities

Cahaba Springs is currently involved in many mission opportunities. Please contact Haley Crew at hnsaul1@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on the Missions Committee.

1 Peter 4:10: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace..."

PRAYER CONCERNS

for our church family...

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie	Joan Lowery	Al Greenburg
Edward Giddens	Serena Jenkins	Jean Camp	Carol Brown
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Cecile Floyd	Chuck Smith	Betty Quattlebaum

for our extended family...

Lisa Kraye Smith	Jennifer Lee	Dan Southern	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Mary Hammett	Leslie Speakman
Crystal Holcomb	Clay Charlton	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
Matthias	Ophelia Nichols	Ronnie Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Allison Solomon	Barry Parvin	Aaron Dailey	Cindi Wesley
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Laura Stalls
Laura Rainey	C. J. Fonte	Debbie Lambert	Deborah Braswell
Tommy Robbins	Carol Bos	Amy Baughman	

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