



Service for the Lord's Day

August 27, 2023

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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

Jennifer Smith

Prelude

Prelude on ST. THOMAS
"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Aaron Williams
arr. David Lowe

***Call to Worship**

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Jennifer Smith

Many: who made the heavens and the earth.

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

Many: then the flood would have swept us away.

One: The God who saved Israel is still at work in the world,

Many: hearing the cries of the afflicted and setting God's people free. Thanks be to God!

*** Hymn 395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

***Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

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Welcoming God: you gather everyone, especially the outsiders, to worship you, for you are not an image or idol, but protector of the helpless, parent to the poor, friend of the lonely.

Accepting Christ: there is not any place you will not go to bring God's grace to others. In you, the enemy is made a friend, the broken are made whole, the orphan finds a home.

Embracing Spirit: your gentleness falls upon us, and our fears of rejection disappear; your truth is whispered in our ears, and our arms embrace strangers; your peace is poured into our souls, and we are reconciled to all we hurt; your love throws open our shuttered hearts, and we see our siblings all around us.

God in Community, Holy in One, in you we have life and hope forever. God's grace to others. In you, the enemy is made a friend, the broken are made whole, the orphan finds a home.

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)

Gracious God, you are always present and active amid your people. We confess that sometimes we fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege, expect the tried and true and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Behold, you are doing a new thing; help us to perceive it. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

Jennifer Smith

First Reading

Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Anthem

*I Love You, Lord
with the Canon in D*

arr. Linda McKechnie
Johann Pachelbel

Joe Carter, organ Kay Carter, piano

I love you, Lord and I lift my voice
to worship you, O my soul rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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Sermon

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Hymn 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

THY WORD

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*** Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

(from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers and the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Near to the Heart of God

Cleland McAfee
arr. David Hamilton

*** 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 465**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

*** Charge and Blessing**

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

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Choral Benediction

Go WITH Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

*** Postlude**

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

Liturgy provided the The Presbyterian Outlook, written by Ginna Bairby

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 our *Time for 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...

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| 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 | David Perry | | |

for our extended family...

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| 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 |
| Colt Corcoran | 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 | Andy Lewis |
| Nancy Carlisle | Bill Little | Howard Newman | Gene McKean |
| Shelley Easterling | | | |

grieving the loss of loved ones . . .

the family of Clay Charlton
the family of Al Greenberg

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.

*Contributions may be made electronically by using myeoffering.com
There are flyers located in the narthex for more detailed instructions*

August/September Happenings at Cahaba Springs

Congregational Meeting – today immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect an Office Nominating Committee for Cahaba Springs.

TEAM Food Collection – today. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

Fellowship Luncheon – Sunday, September 3rd immediately following worship in Harmony Hall. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; meat will be provided.

First Tuesday Dinner – Tuesday, September 5th at El Patron in Trussville at 6:00 PM.

Sewing Day for Knit Wits – Saturday, September 9th at 10:00 AM in *Harmony Hall*. We will welcome Clara Christopher with “We Sew Love” to help us construct adult bibs, feminine needs, etc. There is plenty to do in other areas besides sewing. We will have lunch brought in from (Subway?) or feel free to bring your own.

PHFC Workday – Wednesday, September 13th. We will meet at CSPC parking lot and leave for the Home at 8:30. There will be a dedication from 2-4 PM of our six new Union Village cottages. These are the cottages that house Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind workers. The ceremony will feature Talladega and AIDB officials, representatives from the granting agencies that support Union Village, and our own PHFC leaders. Come work and stay the day, or just arrange to attend the ceremony. We’d like to see our church represented by folks wearing our blue T-shirts! Please confirm availability with George Fritsma.

PW Monthly Luncheon & Study – Sunday, September 17th immediately following worship. We will be studying Chapter 1 of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir.

Living Waters of the World Mission Trip – September 17-23. Please be in prayer for Cindy Brackenbury and Karen O’Brien as they will be traveling to the Dominican Republic to help with the installation of water purification systems bringing clear water to an area in need.

XYZ Monthly Luncheon – Tuesday, September 19th at 11:30 AM in *Harmony Hall*. This will be a covered dish meal, so please bring your favorite dish to share. Afterwards, Ron Dauphinee will present a program on pirates.

Stated Session Meeting – Tuesday, September 19th in the Conference Room.

TEAM Food Collection – Sunday, September 24th. Please bring nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, September 26th at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. This month’s discussion will be on *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Upcoming Mission Opportunities:

Presbytery of Sheppards & Lapsley 2023 Habitat House: Construction starts Sept 14. Volunteers aged 14+ are needed on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. There is plenty to do so no construction experience is necessary! We will find out where the home is this month. Please contact Haley Crew for more information and watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex coming soon!

Presbyterian Home for Children: The next workday at the home/thrift store is scheduled for September 13. Please contact George Fritsma to join the team on a workday!

Donations to the thrift store including usable furniture, furnishings, items, and gently used clothing, etc. can be dropped off at the following locations:

Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church parking lot: third Friday of each month from 9:00 am–12 pm.

Southminster Presbyterian parking lot: first Saturday of each month from 9:30 am–12:30 pm.

Living Waters for the World empowers everyday people to change lives through clean water. They train, equip and support volunteers in forming global, clean-water mission partnerships. These mission partnerships empower international communities to install and sustain water purification systems and health education programs that transform lives.

Cindy Brackenbury and Karen O'Brien will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in September to help with the installation of water purification systems bringing clean water to an area in need. To receive a link to the Prayer Calendar for their trip please leave your email address on the form in Narthex.

Do you know of a mission opportunity? Want to serve but not sure how? Contact a member of the Missions Team for more information!

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New Classes

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:

Aug. 27—As Good as It Gets

Sept. 3—Notting Hill

Sept. 10-- Shadowlands

Sept. 17-- Shawshank

Sept. 24—Simon Birch

Oct. 1 – Treasure of the Sierra Madre

Oct. 8 – The Crow

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:

Aug.-- Linda Inzer

Sept. -- Jennifer Smith

Oct. – Haley Crew

Nov. – Liz Hughins

Thursdays Together – Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We will be studying *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It* by Robert Fulghum beginning Thursday, August 3rd. 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.

Presbyterian Women/Knit Wits are in need of any color of patterned fleece, flannel and terry cloth or beach towels for an upcoming sewing day on September 9th.

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