



## **Service for the Lord's Day**

September 3, 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

Cynthia Sartin

Prelude

*Rock of Ages*

arr. Alice Jordan

“Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.  
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed  
be for sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.”

Augustus Toplady

**\*Call to Worship**

One: We gather hoping to see God,

**Many here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.**

One: We can see God

**Many: when we show one another honor,**

One when we pursue hospitality to strangers,

**Many: when we live in harmony with one another,**

One: when we rejoice in hope.

**Many Let us worship the visible God amongst us.**

**\* Hymn 401**

*Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

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

deNay Kirkpatrick

**Spirit of the Living God, be with our kaleidoscopic church. We are many-colored and multi-shaped, with fragments that focus and focus again always in different patterns as we turn to the light of your presence. Help us to love the patterns and the turning, and to trust in the beauty of a wholeness we may rarely see. 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)

God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing, instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope. 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

Cynthia Sartin

#### First Reading

Romans 12:9-21

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*Come, All Servants of the Lord*

Stan Pethel

Come, all servants of the Lord and praise His holy name;  
From early dawn to setting sun His glory now proclaim.  
His ways are just, and glad's the heart that makes His mercy known.  
Believers, come to praise his name and bow before the throne.  
How all the world rejoices in the Lord! The earth now stands,  
The sky now shines, the sea now stretches forth!  
Come, all servants of the Lord and praise His holy name;  
From early dawn to setting sun His glory now proclaim.  
His ways are just, and glad's the heart that makes His mercy known.  
Believers, come to praise his name and bow before the throne.  
Come, all servants of the Lord!

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 16:21-28**

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

**Sermon**

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**Hymn 451**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

## **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 in 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

*Close to Thee*

Alvin Whitworth

#### \* 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

deNay Kirkpatrick

## PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn 501

*Feed Us, Lord*

FEED US

#### Invitation to the Table

#### The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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

Friends, we will pray responsively. When you hear the phrase, "Lord teach us," we invite you to respond, "The pace of Christ"

#### 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.**

### **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.*

These are the gifts of God for the people of God, **thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

## **SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

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| * <b>Hymn 817</b>  | <i>We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight</i> | DUNLAP'S CREEK    |
| * <b>Charge and Blessing</b><br>And all God's children say,<br>"Alleluia! Amen!" |  | deNay Kirkpatrick |
| <b>Choral Benediction</b>  | <i>Go, Now in Peace</i>                  | Don Besig         |
| * <b>Postlude</b>  | <i>Postlude in D</i>                     | Francois Couperin |

*Liturgy provided the The Presbyterian Outlook, written by Molly Spangler*

### **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 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

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### *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     | Rosemary Holcomb | Julie Smith       |                   |

### *for our extended family...*

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|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Lisa Kraymer 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        | Debbie Lambert     | Deborah Braswell |
| Tommy Robbins      | Carol Bos          | Amy Baughman       | Andy Lewis       |
| Nancy Carlisle     | Bill Little        | Howard Newman      | Gene McKean      |

### *grieving the loss of loved ones . . .*

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](http://myeoffering.com)  
There are flyers located in the narthex for more detailed instructions*

## ***September Happenings at Cahaba Springs***

***Fellowship Luncheon*** – today immediately following worship in Harmony Hall. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; meat will be provided.

**Church Office Closed** – Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

***First Tuesday Dinner*** – Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at El Patron in Trussville at 6:00 PM.

***Sewing Day for Knit Wits*** – Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

***Trussville Dog Daze*** – Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will once again have a booth this year and need volunteers to serve 1-2 hours from 10-4. Please see Karen O’Brien or Lynda McLean if you can help.

***PW Monthly Luncheon & Study*** – Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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 19<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. Afterwards, Ron Dauphinee will present a program on pirates.

***Stated Session Meeting*** – Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room.

***TEAM Food Collection*** – Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please bring nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

***CSPC Book Club*** – Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 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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### ***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:

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:

Sept. – Jennifer Smith  
Oct. – Haley Crew

Nov. – Liz Hughins  
Dec. – Linda Inzer

***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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup>.**



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