



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church 1573 N. Highland Avenue Jackson, TN 38301 731-422-1591 fpcjacksontn.org

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 10, 2021

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *You alone are holy, O God; you alone are good. Help us to let go of worldly goods and leave lesser things behind so that we may be ready to enter your holy realm on that day when the first are last and the last are first; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Nun Danket alla Gott from Cantata 79
Kathleen Huneycutt

Bach / arr. Buchanan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: We will tell God's story to family and friends;
we will offer praise in the center of the congregation!

Many: *Let us raise our hallelujahs together, God's children one and all!*

One: Because God has never turned away from our suffering or hidden away when we were in need.

Many: *God has been right here listening, a breath away when we cry out for help.*

One: To our great comfort, we raise our voices in praise.

Many: *In the presence of the congregation we honor you, O God!*

***HYMN OF PRAISE: 20** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (insert)

ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

Once, daunted by the challenges of faithfulness, Jesus's disciples asked urgently, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For humans it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

Trusting in God who longs to mend our broken places, let us turn to God in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

One: We know the commandments:
You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.

Many: *We are sure we follow them, but instead, we cannot let go of the things we think we need or what we think is important. We do not follow you, or love you, O God, with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to you.*

Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. John White

One: The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love.
As high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for
God's children.

As far as east is from west—that's how far God has removed our sin from us.

Many: *In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn #581)

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.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN: *The Old Rugged Cross* (insert)

OLD RUGGED CROSS

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. John White

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Hebrews 4:12-16
(Page 220)*

Rev. John White

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Mark 10:17-31
(Page 46)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

SERMON

"The Things We Cling To"

Rev. Courtney Bowen



**Congregation standing, if able*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *The Confession of 1967*)

Rev. John White

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross And resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

**OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

Rev. John White

Appalachian Carol
Kathleen Huneycutt

*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. John White

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (insert)

ELLACOMBE

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

POSTLUDE

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
Kathleen Huneycutt

Hyfrodol / arr. Buchanan