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Worship

November 11
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sermon
In Due Time
Sam Weddington

Hymns
The Church of Christ in Every Age
Fairest Lord Jesus

Anthem
Create in Me

Last Sunday's Attendance
One Worship: 265

Subscriptions & Deadline

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Windows

on First Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2018

Word from the Pastor

O magnify the Lord with me, and
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord,
and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be
ashamed.
—Psalm 34:3-5

I love getting good news, and even more than that, I love sharing good news. This past week, I have received and participated in more than my fair share of that goodness, and so I am excited to share it with you now. The first piece of good news is that the results of our stewardship campaign are in: we have met our pledge goal of \$646,000, and we may even exceed that for 2019! The Lord has been good, and you have been generous. The second piece of good news comes from our recent installation service. It's official: we're hitched!

All in all, there is much to be thankful for, and I give thanks to God for each of you. From witnessing the community rally to meet our budgetary needs, to receiving the great love you have extended to me and my family, I breathe a sigh of relief today, acknowledging that through you God has "delivered me from all my fears." Together, we have accomplished much in Christ's name, and I am excited for what the future holds. I have watched this community come together, overcome difficulty, and all the while, do it with an eye towards the larger calling God has on our lives together.

Therefore, along with the Psalmist, I call on us to "exalt his name together." Together. That has been the key to our success so far, and if we will keep this in mind, there is much that God will accomplish through us. More than this, by remaining grounded in God's steadfast faithfulness, our "faces shall never be ashamed." Yes, we have had and will have anxieties; there will be moments when our fears get the better of us. Nevertheless, God will continue and accomplish the good work begun in us (Philippians 1:6).

So, thank you. Thank you so much for being you. Thanks be to God for who He has called us to be together. May we look towards Him through Christ so that all that we are will "be radiant" as we reflect Christ to our community and out into the world.

In Christ,
Pastor Sam

Rejoice and Be Glad!

In a One Worship communion service last Sunday, we celebrated the installation of **Sam Weddington** as FPC's new Senior Pastor and Head of Staff. As you can tell from the photos below, he has been thoroughly installed! The celebration got off to a proper Presbyterian start as officiants, Sam, and choir members processed in behind Andrew Hicks's bagpipe. The Reverend Eungyoung "Grace" Kim, Sam's wife, delivered the sermon, and as many of the congregation as could squeeze in around him made Sam ours.

Thursday morning. It is posted to our website later that day.

Deadline for contributions is the Monday of the week of publication. *Windows* is a publication of First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN.



Thanksgiving Offering Nov. 18



We will collect a Thanksgiving Offering November 18 at both services. This special offering will benefit Bristol Faith in Action. Please be generous!

Acolyte Orientation Sunday



This Sunday, November 11, we will hold an orientation for students in grades 6-12, with their parents, who wish to discern whether they are called to serve as acolytes in traditional worship. We will meet in the chapel after the 11:00 service.

Meet Brittany Starnes, Our New Youth Intern



Our new Student Ministries intern, Kingsport native Brittany Starnes, is a sophomore double-majoring in youth ministry and psychology at King University. While working as an aesthetician at Austin Springs Spa in Johnson City after high school, Brittany fell in love with nursing and was sure that was her calling. She returned to school and began working as a CNA to gain experience for a career in nursing. After just two semesters at King and a Spring Break trip to Camden, NJ, she realized that ministry, not nursing, was the direction God intended for her to go in. Upon graduating from King, Brittany hopes to attend seminary. "I am excited and blessed to be a part of this internship program and the FPC family," she tells us.

Student Fellowship Late Night Nov. 11



We'll make good use of the Monday, November 12, school closure with a Student Fellowship Late Night from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. this Sunday. Please join us in the Youth Wing of the church as we conclude our *Subject to Change* series with a special guest, Nate Higgins, a worship leader from Atlanta.

Believe it or not, not all change is bad. In fact, there are some changes we know will make our lives better, but for some reason, we still struggle to make them happen. What if there was a better way to make those changes happen in our lives? Well, there is! As we wrap up this series, James reminds us that sometimes the first step to making change happen is changing the way we see it. We can't wait to see you as we finish up our #SubjectToChangeSeries.

King Concert Here Tomorrow Night



The King University Symphonic Band and the 250 Jazz Band will give a concert in our sanctuary tomorrow, Friday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Dr. Susan Nicholson at 423-652-6332.

Up on the Roof



You don't have to be a rich man to taste the joys of Theatre Bristol's *Fiddler on the Roof*. This evergreen favorite is rich in music and bursting with the talent of members of our church community. **Dottie and Robert Havlik** and **Leigh and Geneva King** are but a few of our fellow FPC'ers who will make sure the show goes on Nov. 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18 at the Paramount downtown. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) or from Theatre Bristol. For more information, contact **Dottie Havlik** at 423-956-6747 or dhavlik@charter.net.

Wednesday: Missionary's Granddaughter Tells of Early Work in China



Join us next Wednesday, November 14, for **Sujean Bradley**'s heartfelt tribute to her grandfather, who served in ministry in China. Sujean will share memories, photographs, and letters of the Good News preached and early missionary work in mainland China at the turn of the last century. Come to the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and lasagna, and stay for our Adult Learning session with Sujean at 6:20 p.m. High School Small Groups, Middle School Gathering, and Wednesday Night Kids will meet at 6:00. Handbell ringers and any adult who wants to learn will meet for practice in the narthex at 6:15. We look forward to sharing this time with you!

Parents' Night Out Nov. 16



The Children's Ministries will hold a Parents' Night Out from 6:00 to 8:30 next Friday, November 16, in the Education Wing. This event is for newborns through sixth graders. Please let **Lilly Osborne** know the number and ages of the children to expect so that she can provide dinner and materials for all of them. To sign up, email Lilly at losborne@fpcbristol.org, call or text her at 423-383-5476, or use the Children's Ministries Facebook page.

Thank You, Leaf Day Volunteers!



We give thanks to **Blake Bassett, George Link, JB Madison, Greg Roberts, Pastor Sam, and Sammy** who gathered this past Saturday to rake leaves and clean gutters for members of our community. We can't say that raking leaves is fun, but serving others and being a blessing is part of our call as Christ's community, and for that opportunity, we give thanks.

Engaging Volunteers: Current Needs



FPC has something for everyone who likes to be of service to our congregation and our neighbors. Just check the list below! To volunteer, call the church office at 423-764-7176 or get in touch with the contact person listed for each opportunity.

Children's Christmas Play. We are seeking adults and teens to help put on this December 19 performance, and also for children to play the roles. Those interested should contact **Sujean Bradley** at sjkidz@comcast.net or **Lilly Osborne** at losborne@fpcbristol.org.

Fusion. We need a male helper for our great group of fifth and sixth grade boys. **Contact Lilly Osborne**, losborne@fpcbristol.org.

Nursery. We need volunteers in the nursery during both services and Sunday School. Sign up for one week, one month, or a specific day. **Contact Lilly Osborne**, losborne@fpcbristol.org.

Vanilla Wafers for Fairmount School



We are collecting vanilla wafers for the many students of Fairmount Elementary whose families can't buy them snacks for the afternoon break. We collect snacks from our generous church family, and the Christian Hands Ministry folks make sure they get to the school. Please bring boxes of any brand of vanilla wafers to the Little Red House in the Fellowship Hallway to help our friends at Fairmount pay attention through the fall afternoons. Thank you!

Music Notes

Sunday's music: Our anthem, "Create in Me," with familiar text from Psalm 51:10-12, was composed by Dr. Terre Johnson, Director of Choral Activities and Chair of the Department of Music at Houston Baptist University. Johnson holds degrees in choral music from Troy University, Auburn University, and Florida State University. While at FSU, he became accompanist and rehearsal assistant to Robert Shaw, who often visited the campus to conduct concerts.

Johnson has conducted every kind of choir, from church to professional, and has taught in public schools and universities. He founded and conducted the acclaimed Birmingham Chamber Chorus and the Southeastern Chamber Orchestra. His compositions are published by MorningStar Music Publishers, Choristers Guild, and Southeastern Music. An ordained Southern Baptist minister who has pastored several congregations, he was Minister of Music at the Vestavia Hills Baptist Church for 12 years.

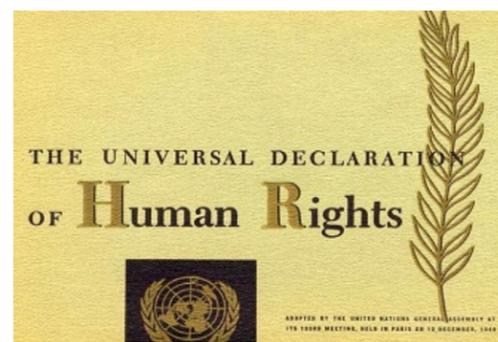
Sunday's music participants: Pat Flannagan, Bob Greene, Sanctuary Choir.



Dr. Terre Johnson

Organist's footnotes: This past July I attended the American Guild of Organists' National Convention in Kansas City, home to the National World War I Museum and Monument. 2018 marked the Centennial of the end of WWI, and this was a recurrent theme of the convention. One of the remembrances was a worship service called *The Road Home*, which focused on letters sent from soldiers on the front to their loved ones back home. Michael Bauer, my next-door neighbor and childhood friend from New York (now Professor of Organ and Church Music at the University of Kansas) played Aaron Copland's (1900-1990) "Preamble for a Solemn Occasion" as the prelude to this service. I have chosen to play this same piece for Sunday's prelude because the moment I finish playing should mark to the minute the 100th anniversary of the Armistice between the Allies and Germany, which took effect on "the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the

eleventh month" in 1918. This slow and stately piece was written in 1949 to mark the first anniversary of yet another milestone in peace, the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" by the United Nations. Copland scored the work for orchestra and narrator, but he also created a version without narration, and in 1953 arranged that version for solo organ. He said, "It was not difficult to compose, for the words, which were drawn directly from the United Nations Charter, were in themselves inspiring." Here is a portion of those inspiring words:



We the peoples of the United Nations, determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to affirm faith in fundamental human rights, of the dignity and worth of the human person, of the equal rights of men and women, and of nations large and small, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims.

Handbells: The Sanctuary Handbell Choir welcomes all adults who'd like to help the music ring out on Sunday mornings. No experience required: it will be fun to teach you! We practice Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Please talk with Beth Flannagan or Bob Greene, and join us in the narthex Nov. 14 after the fellowship supper.

Pray for One Another



In Our Prayers

Becky Busler
City of Pittsburgh & Temple of Life congregation & community
Jane Crewey
Ethiopia, especially our Christian brothers & sisters in Oromia State
DeeDee & Sarah Galliher
Ron Grubbs
Nancy King
Katie Kreuser (Tom & Leigh King's daughter)
Dot Mattison
Marty McCloud
Debbie McMillin
Larry Mullins
Robin North
Osborne Family
Karen Pennington
Phyllis Phares (Mary Connor's mother)
Cheyenne Poteat
Don Preston
Virginia Rutherford
Sproles Family
Chuck Thompson
Bill Wade
John Wizorek (Annette Tudor's father)

Condolences

Our condolences and prayers go out to **Greg and Margaret Roberts** this week. Margaret lost her brother, John Melkowski, to illness last week. We ask that you would continue to lift them in your thoughts and prayers.

Birthday Prayer Fellowship

Nov. 13 Samuel Hankins
Nov. 15 John Crewey, Conor Haaser, Sam Jennings, Billie Whisnant
Nov. 16 Cass Madison, Kensie Porter, Joyce Samuel
Nov. 17 Sarah Galliher, Wayne Sheffey

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 11

8:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Acolyte Orientation, Chapel
3:30 p.m. Christmas Play Rehearsal, Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Finance Comm., Room 117



8:00 p.m. Student Fellowship Late Night, Youth Wing

Monday, November 12

7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Comm., Room 117

7:00 p.m. Worship Comm., Room 123

Tuesday, November 13

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 117

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group, Conf. Room

1:00 p.m. Heartsburn Bible Study, Room 117

6:00 p.m. Venture Crew 3, Room 165

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 3, Scout Wing

Wednesday, November 14

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Room 117

5:15 p.m. Baby & Toddler Care, Rooms 34-37

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Kids

6:00 p.m. Middle School Gathering

6:00 p.m. High School Small Groups

6:15 p.m. Handbell Choir

6:20 p.m. Adult Learning Program

7:00 p.m. Acolyte Practice, Sanctuary

7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

7:15 p.m. Worship Team

Thursday, November 15

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor

12:00 p.m. Noon Bible Study, Room 117

5:00 p.m. Human Resources Comm., Room 117

Friday, November 16

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out, Education Wing



Our Church Officers



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ELDERS

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Aaron Brooks	Anna Booher	Nancy Allerton
Randy Cook	Lee Galliher	Rebecca Beck
Debbie McMillin	Pete Holler	David Hyde
Stuart Parker	Han Ong	Jordan Pennington
Chuck Thompson	Pete Stigers	Jerry Poteat

DEACONS

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Adam Abel	Sujean Bradley	Blake Bassett
Nancy Butterworth	George Linke	Rhonda Comer
David Ginn	Greg Roberts	Brenda Lawson
Rett Stocstill	Nate Sproles	Barbara Thompson
Ann Woods	Bill Whisnant	

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