



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
C O N W A Y

23 SEPTEMBER 2018

TO ALL WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY WEAK & SEEK REST, WHO MOURN & LONG FOR COMFORT
WHO STRUGGLE & DESIRE VICTORY, WHO SIN & NEED A SAVIOR,
WHO ARE STRANGERS & WANT FELLOWSHIP,
WHO HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO WHOSEVER WILL COME,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our Worship and Celebration
(*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*)

God Welcomes Us

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #345

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair;
may Jesus Christ be praised!

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rusty Mosley

PRELUDE

"Pastorale"

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(“✠” please stand if you are able.)

✠ **HYMN**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Hymn #332

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?

People: **Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts.**

Leader: Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends.

People: **Those who despise flagrant sinners, and honor the faithful followers of the Lord, and keep their promises even when it hurts.**

Leader: Those who lend money without charging interest, and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent.

People: **Such people will stand firm forever.**

- based on Psalm 15

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

God Cleanses Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sin whispers to the wicked, deep within their hearts. They have no fear of God at all. In their blind conceit, they cannot see how wicked they really are. Everything they say is crooked and deceitful. They refuse to act wisely or do good. They lie awake at night, hatching sinful plots. Their actions are never good. They make no attempt to turn from evil.

- Psalm 36: 1 - 4 (NLT)

Hear us now as we bring our personal confessions to you . . .

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn # 295

God Strengthens Us through His Word and Sacrament

FIRST READING

Matthew 10:5-8 (p.815)

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Fettke

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SECOND READING

Acts 6:1-7 (p.914)

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

One: This is God’s Word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Importance of Church Leaders” - Part 2

Rev. Rusty Mosley

Notes:

1. What does a Deacon do?

- How is a Deacon different from an Elder?

2. Why do we need them?

3. The Church is our nurturing and nourishing mother, by grace.

4. How can I get involved to make the church officers' job easier?

✠ **The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(*the true Christian church of all times and places)*

God Sends Us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

MINISTRY OF MERCY—TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Arr. Stowe
text at #631 in hymnal

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ **HYMN**

“For All the Saints”

Hymn #567 (vss. 1-4)

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn #567 (vs. 5)

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Giocoso”

-Haydn

(Please be seated during the postlude to reflect on the worship service, consider God’s Word, and prepare your response as you follow Christ’s light into the world.)

Announcements:

- ◇ The Wednesday night Bible Study has begun. We begin with sandwiches at 6 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. we will move into the sanctuary for singing, prayers and a 13 week study of the book of Galatians.
- ◇ The **Backpack** program that we participate in will start this year on Wednesday, September 19th and will be each following Wednesday through the school year. We meet at about 11:45 a.m. at Antioch Baptist Church and it normally takes about 40 minutes to fill the bags for the backpacks. We need volunteers and if you would like to help there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. See Ken Hunter if you need further details.

Prayer Concerns:

Margaret Baker, friend of Sheila Rupert; Ilona Beczo; Cathy Bilberry, sister of Joe Dablock; Judy Bright, friend of Henry and Jane Hawk; Bill Conner; Stuart Dornblaser, brother-in-law of Ken Hunter; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Gary Green, friend of Jim Watkins; Jimmy and Nancy Higgins; Steve & Norma Hoffman, friends of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Dub Holt; Charles Jordan; Ann McCarron, sister of Rick McCarron; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; and Edward Moss, brother of Debbie McConkie, Joy Upham.

PRAYERS OF MEDITATION:

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying our debt, bearing our punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



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