

First Presbyterian Church
September 27th, 2020

Greeting Ed Evans

ONE: The Lord be with you

MANY: And also with you.

Prelude Michael Rorex

Opening Prayer Ed Evans

Announcements Ed Evans

Prayer Requests Ed Evans

Call to Worship

ONE: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

MANY: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We begin our prayer with a time of silent confession

Let us pray together. **Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.**

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Ed Evans

ONE: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

MANY: We know that in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Special Music Michael Rorex

Prayer for Illumination Ed Evans

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³ Thus says the LORD: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; ²⁴ but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the LORD; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the LORD.

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters:^a not many of you were wise by human standards,^b not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one^c might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in^d the Lord."

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Response:

One: This is the word of the Lord

MANY: Thanks be to God

Sermon Ed Evans

Affirmation of Faith: **We undoubtedly believe, since it was impossible that the sorrows of death should retain in bondage the Author of life, that our Lord Jesus crucified, dead, and buried, who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification, and the destruction of him who was the author of death, and brought life again to us who were subject to death and its bondage. We know that his resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of his enemies, and by the resurrection of the dead, whose sepulchres did open, and they did rise and appear to many within the city of Jerusalem. It was also confirmed by the testimony of his angels, and by the senses and judgment of his apostles and of others, who had conversation, and did eat and drink with him after his resurrection. We do not doubt, but that the selfsame body which did rise again, did ascend into the heavens, for the accomplishment of all things, where in our name and for our comfort he has received all power in heaven and earth, where he sits at the right hand of the Father, having received his kingdom, the only advocate and mediator for us. Amen.**

Prayers of the People Susan Dollar

Dedication of the Offering Ed Evans

Congregational Meeting Ed Evans

*Charge and Benediction Ed Evans

One: We are created by God, saved by Jesus Christ,
MANY: and led by the Holy Spirit.

One: May we as individuals become a community.
MANY: May we serve in this place, at this time.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE Sept 27- Oct 4

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	11:30A.M.	Lunch On Us
Thursday	12:00P.M.	Women's AA Meeting: Calvary Room
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	11:00A.M.	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, October 4th, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report January 2020 thru August 2020

Income: \$72,809.43

Expenses: \$68,942.28

September contributions Month to date: \$6,444.30

PRAYER LIST

Barbara Akin, Joanna Allison, Kevin Bedsole & family, Terri Boswell, Tommy Boswell, Dana Bradley, Mary Brister, Pam Caldwell, Kathleen Cathey, Jerry Chastain, Darlene & David Cloud, James Cohl, Tanya Conlay, Rev. Tommy Curry, Ann Duke, Beverly Durham, Kay Freeland, Andrew Gilbert, Peggy Gilbert, Cinda Green, Diane Gunter, The Rev. Hale Family, Elizabeth & Link Hall, John Harling, Carolyn Harrington, Marianne Harvey, Robbie & Horace Herrington, Barbara Hopper, Richard Jennings, Pam Jones, Camille Killough, Delphine Lloyd, Brenda Maechling, Betty Marshall, Jennifer McDowell, Cheryl & Don Meredith, Debra Mishkel, Kathy Muder, Mary Ann Nicholas, Sydney & Mark Peterson, Rev. Brian Ray, Melba Rorex, Mary Smith, Sallye Starks, Frederick Toussaint, Kristin Rose Whitten and family, Bennett Williams, Davis Wilson, Elaine Zachariason, Russell Zachariason

In the Military: Trevor Bates, Gene Bentley, Ann Brown, Jon and Katie Cooper, Aaron Foster, John Hatley, Vincent Maggio, Eric Maxwell, Casey Oden

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