

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY AND  
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25, 2019

**Morning Meditation:** "Sometimes the plantation owner's minister would be permitted to hold a religious service for the slaves, and he always preached from the same text: 'Slaves, be obedient to your masters, for this is right in the Lord.' My grandmother said that she made up her mind then and there that if she ever learned to read or if freedom ever came she would never read that part of the Bible."

– Dr. Howard Thurman, on his grandmother Nancy Ambrose

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Prelude (J.S. Bach)* Isaiah Lewis, piano

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, Ben Staton

Leader: Let us worship the One who nourishes us,

**People: who satisfies us in parched places  
and makes our bones strong.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who calls us,

**People: who leads us to compassion  
and draws us nearer to justice.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who creates us,

**People: who forms and reforms us in the image  
of our maker.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* OPENING PRAYER (Together)

**All-loving and merciful God, help us to accept the searching light of God's love into our lives, so that with honest hearts, we may experience God's just peace surrounding and upholding us in our daily struggles. Loving God, help us to always rely on your eternal promises, so that claiming these promises as our very own, we may daily grow in love and in our commitment to our Holy and Righteous God, and seek to serve God all our days. Amen.**

\* HYMN #267 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

**You are faithful, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when our faith withers, our passion grows weary, and our focus wanes. You are loving, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when our love is too shallow, our compassion too slow, our status too important. You are the creator, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when we fear that you have stopped creating, stopped calling, stopped reforming. Convict us, enliven us, and lead us to know the depth of your steadfast love.** (Silent moment for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE #579 *Gloria Patri* 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 THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: As we have been reconciled with God, let us now be reconciled with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: I invite you to share signs of peace with one another.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Philemon

*Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:*

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.*

*For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in*

*your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.*

*So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.*

*One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.*

*Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers.*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #304 - *Jesus Loves Me!* (verse 1)

(Children are invited to come forward during this song)

TIME FOR CHILDREN

(Children may go to Sunday School afterward)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith



FACES OF OUR FAITH:  
PHILEMON

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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.**

\* HYMN #269 *O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand* DUNDEE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING INVITATION

MUSIC OFFERING *Sonatina (Beethoven)* Isaiah Lewis, piano

\* DOXOLOGY #592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Together*)

**We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, and your creation. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

SENDING

\* HYMN #368 *I've Got Peace Like a River*  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Dr. Judith Pfeiffer, organ

*\* please stand as you are able*

# Buntyn Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 25, 2019

Charlie Dawkins, *elder on call*  
Ben Staton, *liturgist*

*Prayer List:*

Ada Marie Bell, Diane Bonner, Charlie Dawkins, Marie Fienup,  
Kevin Gallagher, Harrison Humphreys, Mike Irving, Camille King,  
Sandi Klink, Dona Maybry, Ann Staton, Marla Staton, Ann Swims, Jerry  
Sutton, Alice Wilkins, friends & family of Carol Britt, Nancy Gatlin,  
Curt Huffstatler, and Buzz Nolan

## Buntyn Breakfast Next Sunday!

Please join our stupendous Venture Crew for another Buntyn Breakfast this coming Sunday, Sep. 1. The Crew will prepare and offer breakfast beginning at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a wonderful feast prepared by our favorite Crew!

## Labor Day Weekend Hymn Sing

On Sunday, September 1, our worship service will include a congregational hymn sing of songs from our hymnal as well as others. Please join us for a fun worship celebration to celebrate Labor Day!

## Save the Date for the Clara Schumann Festival!

A music festival featuring the work of German Romantic pianist Clara Schumann will be held at Buntyn on Sunday, Sept. 22 beginning at 3:45 PM. The festival will be held in cooperating with the Memphis Center of Independent Living and will feature a concert, followed by a reception, followed by another short concert. We have secured some incredible performers and the many members of the congregation have been collaborating with Judith to put together this amazing festival. Please save the date for this wonderful celebration of music!

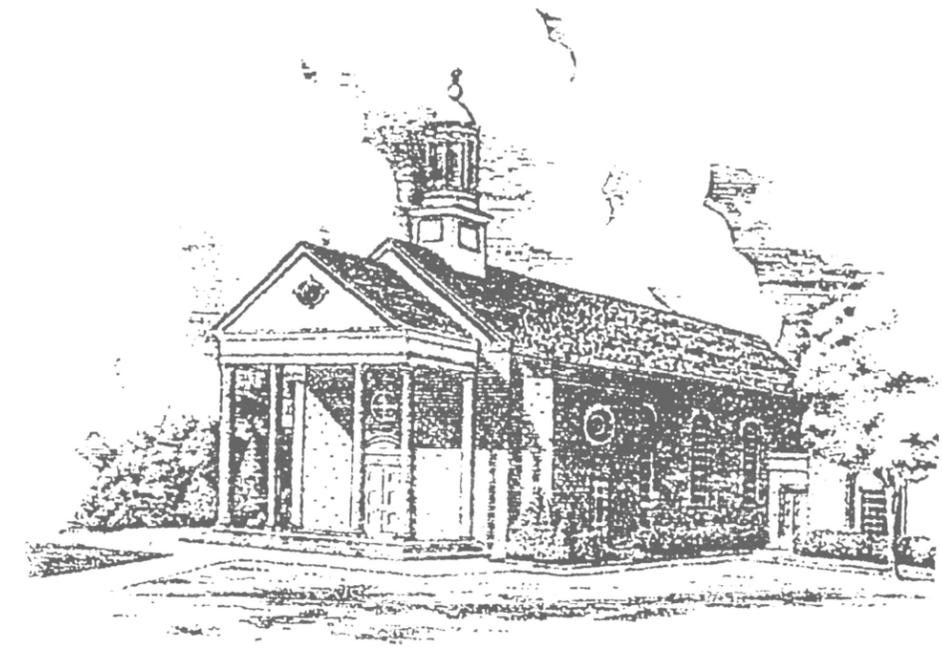
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## Session Members

Ronnie Bonner ☩ Charlie Dawkins  
Nancy Dowling ☩ Frankie Grimes  
Andrew Humphreys ☩ Kelly Johnson  
Lloyd Kirkland ☩ Sandi Klink ☩ Nancy Prillaman  
Marla Staton, Clerk of Session

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in worship, fellowship and service.*

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