

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 22, 2017

*Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.*

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

God's peace to you this morning. The Faith family welcomes you! Please fill out the information on the welcome book so we can include you in the life of Faith Presbyterian Church. May God grant us a glimpse of His splendor as we worship Him together.

A fully staffed nursery and special needs ministry is available during all services.

Please remember to turn off or silence any electronic devices.

+Please stand if able

USHERS

*Rob McCreary, Mike Powell, Roy Buckels, Tate Dickey,
Butch Copeland, Rick Sullivan, and **Tim Slay
*Head Usher, **Assistant Usher

GREETERS

Robb Massengill and Kim Sessums

Preparation for Worship

*Those who cling to worthless idols
forfeit the grace that could be theirs. Jonah 2:8*

He takes a part of it and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Also he makes a god and worships it; he makes it an idol and falls down before it. Half of it he burns in the fire. Over the half he eats meat; he roasts it and is satisfied. And the rest of it he makes into a god, his idol, and falls down to it and worships it. He prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!" No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, "Half of it I burned in the fire; I roasted meat and have eaten. And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?" He feeds on ashes; a deluded heart has led him astray, and he cannot deliver himself or say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?" Isaiah 44 selections

“Because here's something else that's weird but true: in the day-to day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god or spiritual-type thing to worship—be it JC or Allah, be it YHWH or the Wiccan Mother Goddess, or the Four Noble Truths, or some inviolable set of ethical principles—is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive. If you worship money and things, if they are where you tap real meaning in life, then you will never have enough, never feel you have enough. It's the truth. Worship your body and beauty and sexual allure and you will always feel ugly. And when time and age start showing, you will die a million deaths before they finally grieve you. On one level, we all know this stuff already. It's been codified as myths, proverbs, clichés, epigrams, parables; the skeleton of every great story. The whole trick is keeping the truth up front in daily consciousness.” - David Foster Wallace, atheist

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude

Matters of Church Life

+The Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1,4-5

*Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!*

*For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

*For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.*

+The Hymn of Praise

Hymn No. 2

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name – I'm fixed upon it –
Name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

+The Hymn of Thanksgiving

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross (*Repeat Chorus*)
Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross (*Repeat Chorus*)

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

The Offertory

David & Kathy Montgomery

10,000 Reasons / What a Beautiful Name

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The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord Oh my soul, oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, Our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name, above all names

Bless the Lord Oh my soul, oh my soul
Worship His holy name
What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
Sing like never before Oh my soul
Worship his holy name The name of Jesus

+The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

The Scripture**1 John 5:13-21**

¹³ *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.* ¹⁴ *And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.* ¹⁵ *And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*

¹⁶ *If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that.* ¹⁷ *All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.*

¹⁸ *We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.*

¹⁹ *We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*

²⁰ *And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.* ²¹ *Little children, keep yourselves from idols.*

The Sermon

Growing in Christ: Keep Yourself from Idols

The Rev. Russ Hightower

Notes:

Knowing Jesus Changes Everything

Greatest Commandment (Dt.6:5; Mk.12:30)

heart, soul, mind & strength – the whole person

Hearts (worship): falling in love with Jesus (Lk.24:32)

Minds (Bible study): thinking like Jesus (Rom.12:2)

Hands (missions): living like Jesus (Jn.13:14)

+The Hymn of Response

(stanzas 3 & 4) **Hymn No. 382**

Be Thou My Vision

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

The Benediction

The Organ Postlude

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Crawford by Jim & Charlene Elliott.

If you are able to provide flowers for one or more Sundays during the year, please sign up by placing your name next to the open date on the flower calendar posted on the bulletin board next to the Youth office.

Opportunities to Serve:

Sunday, October 22

Nursery:

Babies & Toddlers-
Linda Ainsworth
2's & 3's-
Johnny & Helen Lynch

Children's Church:
Amanda Hightower

Wednesday, October 25

2's & 3's at 6:20pm-
Mike & Rachel Powell

Sunday, October 29

Nursery:

Babies & Toddlers-
Kathy Swalm
2's & 3's-
Will & Jenny Allen

Children's Church:
Christina Smith

Wednesday, November 1

2's & 3's at 6:20pm-
Amy Cooley

Special Needs Ministry

Sunday, October 22 and
Wednesday, October 25:
Kristen Dickey

Sunday, October 29 and
Wednesday, November 1:
Brandy Johnson

Sunday, November 5 and
Wednesday, November 8:
Spencer & Janie Mooney

Announcements:

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS for all adults and youth (Jr. & Sr. High) this morning at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Russ will be outlining the church plant in Los Angeles.

CHOIR LUNCHEON & REHEARSAL today in the fellowship hall immediately following morning worship. A nursery is provided.

SUNDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY GROUP will meet this evening at 6:00 at Jim & Charlene Elliott's home (657 Zetus Road).

The **TODAY DEVOTIONAL** for November/December is now available.

SESSION MEETING – Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends **Sunday, November 5th**. Don't forget to *fall* back!

SAVE THE DATE for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – June 4-8, 2018!** If you have questions or need more information, please call or text Sarah Reynolds at 901.603.7739.

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE: Just over 60% of Faith Promises have come in through September! As the year-end quickly approaches, please prayerfully remember our missionaries and your contribution to the Lord's work.

LADIES... Don't forget that our new **WOMEN'S MINISTRY DIRECTORY** is available for pick up in the church work room. Stop by and grab your copy today!

Events:

This Week

Sun. October 22 9:30AM	Combined Sunday School Class <i>Fellowship hall</i> For all adults, Jr. High students, and Sr. High students	Missions
Sun. October 22 12:00PM	Choir Luncheon & Rehearsal <i>Fellowship hall</i>	Worship
Sun. October 22 6:00PM	Sunday Night Community Group <i>Jim & Charlene Elliott's (657 Zetus Road)</i>	Discipleship
Mon. October 23 6:30PM	Session meeting <i>Conference room</i>	
Tue. October 24 9:00AM	Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study <i>Church library</i>	Women of Faith/ Discipleship
Wed. October 25 5:30PM	Wednesday Night Supper <i>Fellowship hall</i>	Fellowship
Wed. October 25 6:30PM	Wednesday Night Community Groups, Youth Group & Children's Activities	Discipleship
Thu. October 26 9:00AM	Ladies' Thursday Bible Study <i>MUB room 3</i>	Women of Faith/ Discipleship

Upcoming... Mark your calendars now!

Sun. November 5 2:00AM	Daylight Savings Time Ends remember...set your clock back one hour!	
Sun. November 5	Communion & Food Pantry Sunday Collection baskets are available for your donations	Worship/ Women of Faith
Tue. November 7 10:00AM	Food Pantry delivery <i>Fellowship hall</i>	Women of Faith
Mon. November 13 6:00PM	Joint Officers' meeting <i>Fellowship hall</i>	

Ministry of the Week

Hunter Brewer and the Mid-South Church Planting Network

Please pray:

- That the PCA churches planted over the past several years not only reach the unchurched, but also see the great need for the Gospel to be spread around the world.
- That the Lord will raise up a church planter to plant a church in the Monroe - West Monroe area. Mid-South and the MS Valley Presbytery are jointly working on this vital project as there is no PCA church in that area.
- Please continue to pray regularly for the new congregations in Fayetteville, Arkansas; Little Rock, Arkansas; Jonesboro, Arkansas; and Horn Lake, Mississippi. Pray for the core group in Lafayette, Louisiana and for the right church planter for the MS Gulf Coast.



2017 Finances:	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$36,796.81	\$ 414,473.65
Expense	<u>42,469.49</u>	<u>443,453.75</u>
Net	<u>\$ -5,672.68</u>	<u>\$ -28,980.10</u>

The Youth Informer



What's Next?

10.25.17 : Wednesday Night Large Group 6pm

10.29.17 : Sunday School 9:30am

10.29.17 : Sunday Night Small Groups

⇒ JR. High 6pm

⇒ SR. High 7pm

11.1.17 : Wednesday Night Large Group 6pm

What Are We Reading?

Wednesday Night 10.25.17: *Exodus 20*

Sunday School 10.29.17: *Galatians, ch.4*

Wednesday Night 11.1.17: *John 17*

Q. Why don't skeletons ever go trick or treating?

A. Because they have nobody to go with!