

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

Prayer of Preparation (in silence)

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

Biblical Greeting and Welcome from the Baptismal Font Rev. Sid Burgess

Response: “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all” (Titus 2:11)

Prelude *He’s Risen, He’s Risen* Kenneth Kosche

†**Call to Worship** from Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing to the glory of God’s name.

**God’s deeds among mortals are awesome;
come and see what God has done.**

Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of sacred praise be heard.

**Come and hear, all you who respect God,
and we will tell what God has done for us.**

†**Opening Prayer**

†**Opening Hymn #233** *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

Invitation to Confession and Prayer of Confession see Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16

**Eternal God,
our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.** (silence) Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Hymn #551

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Declaration of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Children’s Moment Carrie Jack

The Prayer for Illumination Susan Snell

The First Scripture Lesson **Acts 17:22-31**

The Poetic Response **Psalm 66**

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #54 *Make a Joyful Noise to God!* DIX

The Gospel Lesson **John 14:15-21**

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon “St. Paul Comes to Birmingham” Rev. Sid Burgess

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

†**Affirmation of Faith** from “The Confession of 1967” (9.15)

**God’s sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful humanity.
The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.**

†**The Gloria Patri** Hymn #581

**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.**

†**Hymn of Dedication #366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

Recognition of Graduating Seniors Cathryn Daniel

Michael Austin Boyd

Michael graduates from The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Engineering and Art in New York City on May 23rd with a BFA. Michael was confirmed at Chapel in the Pines on April 8, 2007. Michael is the son of Jeff & Kelly Boyd, grandson of Bonnie Stephens, great grandson of Gerald Stephens, Sr. (Alice) and the late Sarah Stephens, and big brother to Rachel and Matthew.

Luke Bailey Griffin

Luke graduates from Hoover High School on May 24th. He will be attending UAB and has accepted a full tuition scholarship based on his grades/academic accomplishments. His plans are to live on UAB's campus & his major as of now is Biology. Luke was confirmed at Chapel in the Pines on May 10, 2015. He is the youngest son of Stuart & Cathy Griffin and grandson of the late Doug & Billie Griffin and Oakmont PC members Chuck & Joan Bailey. Big brothers are Cole and Connor Griffin.

Ian Connor Sizemore

Ian graduates from Hoover High School on May 24th with plans to attend the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa pursuing a degree in computer technology. Ian was confirmed at Chapel in the Pines on May 10, 2015. He works with Brian Massengale on Wednesday evenings helping to prepare the delicious Fellowship & Family Night dinners.

Samuel Gene Snell

Sam graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering on May 7th. He is looking at a bright future as he interviews for positions in this field. Sam was confirmed at Chapel in the Pines on April 8, 2007. He is the son of Ron & Susan Snell, grandson of the late Wilsie Hayes and big brother to Lauren who is currently attending Auburn University.

Announcements and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy. . . **People: hear our prayer.**

Offering

The Offertory *On Hyfrydol* Donald Johns

†**The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us **Amen.**

†**The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

†**Closing Hymn #12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

†**Charge**

†**Benediction**

†**Postlude**

†*All who are able may stand.*

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

THE CHAPEL PARKING LOT will be closed for sealing and striping on Thursday, May 25th through Saturday, May 27th. If you have a need to be at the church during this time, please park across the street. The lot will be available for use on Sunday, May 28th. **The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.**

FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY NIGHT FINALE is Wednesday, May 24 at 5:30pm is *Hot Dogs/Hamburgers, Tator Tots, Baked Beans, with Cake & Popsicles. Sidewalk Chalk, Bubbles, and Bouncy House for kids!!!*

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT THE WILLS' FAMILY FARM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4th FROM 2:30pm to 5pm. The Farm is a quick 47 mile drive from the Chapel. To reach the Farm, travel East on Hwy 280 to Childersburg. Turn right at the 2nd traffic light in Childersburg on to Talladega County Road 008. Drive approximately 10 miles to Fayetteville where 008 ends at a Tee intersection. Turn right on to Talladega Springs Road and travel approximately 3 miles and turn right in to our drive. **The Farmhouse is white, with a wraparound porch and the address is 2638 Talladega Springs Road.** Hope you can join us to enjoy outdoor games and ice cream. **Bring a lawn chair and hope to see you there!!!** *Clyde & Sue Wills and Kim, Wills, & Pearce Dunham*

HOUSE BUILDING MISSION TRIP TO REYNOSA, MEXICO is week of June 18 - 24. A box is under the Mission table to receive vitamins for adults & children (no gummies) and infant dry formula to take to Reynosa & distributed at the Faith Ministry Clinic. **Your help is needed, so please consider joining the team and travel to Mexico or contribute to this Chapel Mission Project and contact John Carr if interested.**

THE SESSION

Moderator – Rev. Sid Burgess Treasurer – Janet Barnes
Clerk of Session – Sheldon Eller Historian – Virginia Wilson

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Sheldon Eller	J. R. Barnes, Worship	Jim Johnston, Personnel
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LAY LEADERS THIS MORNING

Liturgist: Susan Snell
Ushers: Ron Snell, TBD
Worship Greeter: Dot Johnston

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Chapel Family: Bob Chavies; Cindy Jouret; Helen Kieran; Tom Lutz; Nancy Meffert; Andrew Roberta; Jo Satterfield; Jeff Williams & Family.

Chapel Friends: Doris Bice (Carolyn Bice); David Carr (John Carr); Granberry Family (Sheldon Eller); Gail Halitwanger and Family of Terry Halitwanger; (Cindy Jouret); Mike Harrison (Jayne); Paul Hayden (Pat Carr); Bobby Holman & Family (Linda Ifashina); Newlyn Madison (Linda Chavies).

~ Financial Information ~

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YTD Given: \$52,593.59

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017
10:30 a.m.



St. Paul in Athens, Greece

CHRIST IS ALIVE!