

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prayer of Preparation (in silence)

Patrick of Ireland (389–461)

May the strength of God pilot us.
May the power of God preserve us.
May the wisdom of God instruct us.
May the hand of God protect us.
May the way of God direct us.
May the shield of God defend us.
May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil
and the temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us.
May your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

Biblical Greeting and Welcome

Rev. Sid Burgess

Response: We are . . . God’s own people, in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called us out of darkness into God’s marvelous light.
See 1 Peter 2:9

Prelude

†Call to Worship

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .
come worship a God who feeds the hungry.
In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . .
come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.
In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war . . .
come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.
In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . .
come worship a God who gives life meaning.
Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

†Prayer of Adoration

O God, you are a God of Life to us. You show your Self as our source of compassion as we struggle for whole relationships in the home, our communities, our nation and our world. We recognize your presence among us in our life and worship, and ask your gentle Spirit to constantly open our hearts to the ways of justice and peace. We ask all of this in your Name, because you alone are holy, our true justice and peace.

†Opening Hymn

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**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.**
~ silent prayers of confession ~
Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Hymn #551

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Children’s Moment

Rev. Sid Burgess

Announcements and Concerns of the Church

Susan Snell

The Prayer for Illumination

Susan Snell

The First lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

The Poetic response: Psalm 10

¹²Rise up, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;
do not forget the oppressed.
¹³Why do the wicked renounce God,
and say in their hearts, “You will not call us to account”?
¹⁴**But you do see! Indeed you note trouble and grief,
that you may take it into your hands;
the helpless commit themselves to you;
you have been the helper of the orphan.**
¹⁵Break the arm of the wicked and evildoers;
seek out their wickedness until you find none.
¹⁶The LORD is king forever and ever;
the nations shall perish from his land.
¹⁷**O LORD, you will hear the desire of the meek;
you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear**
¹⁸**to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed,
so that those from earth may strike terror no more.**

The Epistle lesson: Revelations 21:1-4

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel lesson: Matthew 5:1-10

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Sid Burgess

†Affirmation of Faith (from “Declaration of Faith” PCUSA, 1977, 1991)

**In the death of Jesus Christ
God’s way in the world seemed finally defeated.
But death was no match for God.
The resurrection of Jesus was God’s victory over death.
Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living,
that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing.
We do not yet see the end of death.
But Christ has been raised from the dead,
transformed and yet the same person.
In his resurrection is the promise of ours.
We are convinced the life God wills for each of us
is stronger than the death that destroys us.
The glory of that life exceeds our imagination
but we know we shall be with Christ.
So we treat death as a broken power.
Its ultimate defeat is certain.
In the face of death we grieve.
Yet in hope we celebrate life.
No life ends so tragically
that its meaning and value are destroyed.
Nothing, not even death, can separate us
from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD WORD

Prayers of the People

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, **let me sow love;**
when there is injury, **pardon;**
where there is doubt, **faith;**
where there is despair, **hope;**
where there is darkness, **light;**
and where there is sadness, **joy.**
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled **as to console;**
to be understood, **as to understand,**
to be loved **as to love;**
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying [to ourselves] **that we are born to eternal life.**

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.
Holy God, we praise you.
Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.
We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promise to your people Israel,
and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.
Born of Mary, he shares our life.
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.
Guiding his people, he leads us.
Visiting the sick, he heals us.
Dying on the cross, he saves us.
Risen from the dead, he gives new life.
Living with you, he prays for us.
Send to us your Holy Spirit that, being made one with Christ, we may be one with each other and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory.
We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offering

Jesus reminds us, "Freely you have received, freely give."
Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

The Offertory

†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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

†Closing Hymn #

†Charge

†Benediction

†Postlude

†All who are able may stand.

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
Eddie George	Pat Carr, Missions	Layne Perkins, Facilities
Brian Massengale, Outreach	Ron Snell, Finance	
Bonnie Stephens		

STAFF

Rev. Sid Burgess (sidburg49@gmail.com or 223-3160 cell phone) Pastor
Rev. Dr. G. Dana Waters (gdanaw@gmail.com). Pastoral Care
Rev. Zana Free (zanafree@yahoo.com) Pulpit Supply
Linda Mayes (lcmayes46@gmail.com). Organist
Janet Roberta (jroberta@bellsouth.net) Adm Asst
Che Che Davis (chedavis58@yahoo.com).Custodian
Elaine Turner (eh.turner@hotmail.com). Bookkeeper
Rachel Boyd Nursery Attendant
Lindsey Storch. Nursery Attendant
Chapel in the Pines Church Office e-mail: thechapel2269@gmail.com

†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†

LAY LEADERS THIS MORNING

Lay Reader: Susan Snell
Ushers: Ron Snell, TBD
Worship Greeter: Dot Johnston

†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†✠†

PRAYER CONCERNS

Chapel Family: Susan Hauswirth; Helen Kieran; Tom Lutz; Nancy Meffert; Katrina York.
Chapel Friends: Doris Bice (Carolyn Bice); Ann Byrd (Ron Snell); David Carr (John Carr); Chris & Kimberly Corona & Family (Janet Roberta); Family of Riley Granberry (Sheldon Eller); Paul Hayden (Pat Carr); Bobby Holman & Family (Linda Ifashina); Margaret Kelley (Bonnie Stephens); Nancy May (Sheldon Eller); Bubba Street & Family (Janet Roberta); Cliff & Joan Travis (Ann Sirles).

~ Financial Information ~
YTD Pledged: \$ 119,240.00
YTD Given: \$ 103,964.34

**Chapel in the Pines
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

2269 Chapel Road, Hoover, AL 35226
205.822.4210
www.ChapelInThePines.net

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 8, 2017
10:30 a.m.



CHRIST IS ALIVE!