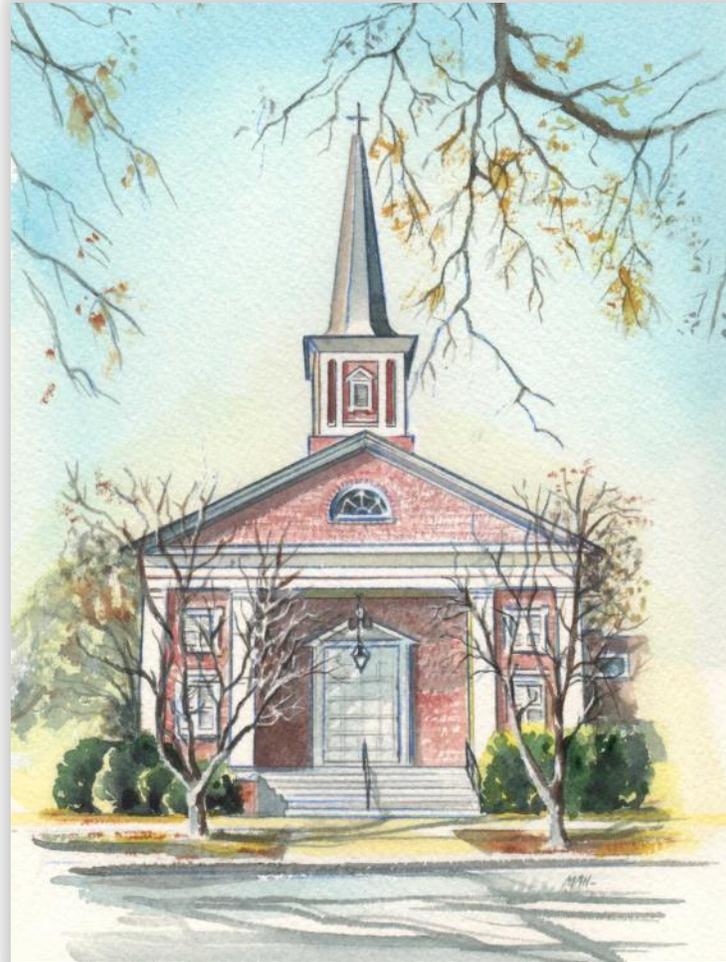


Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020



Historic First Presbyterian Church Decatur, Alabama Est. 1853

THE REV. RICHARD H. BROOKS, PASTOR

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ,
who love God, love one another, and serve the world.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Welcome to all who come to worship God

Welcome & Prelude

INTROIT

Blessed Be the Name

O for a thousand tongues to sing: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

The glories of my God and King: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name; Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name; Blessed be the name of the Lord!

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Book of Common Worship

Leader: *Hear God Speak to YOU: God of light and truth... you are beyond our grasp or our conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we proclaim your glory and sing your praises, for you have shown us your truth and your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. ...and all God's people will say:*

Unison: Let us worship the God of our salvation!

† HYMN of PRAISE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

#487

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Romans 5:8, Hebrew 4:16

If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not with us. If we claim to possess the light of Christ, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is it to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while others go hungry, what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your call, and restore us in fellowship with the ministry of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our silent petitions... Amen.

† ASSURANCE of PARDON

Romans 3:23-24

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are Forgiven!

† GLORIA PATRI & SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

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. A-men. Amen.

MUSIC of PREPARATION

Comfort Comes

Choir

INSTALLATION, BLESSINGS, and LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S DAY:

From its beginning, the Christian Church has gathered on the first day of the week to hear the scriptures proclaimed and celebrate the Lord's Supper. This day has significance as it was "the first day of the week, following the Sabbath" when Jesus' followers discovered the empty tomb and met the risen Lord. The Lord's Day, therefore, is the very center of the church calendar and the lives of those following Jesus as "the way of truth and life."

CONFESSION & PARDON:

Scripture calls people to confess the reality of sin in personal and corporate life. Confession is an acknowledgment of unworthiness, except by God's grace and love. Reclaiming God's forgiveness in scripture, people can let go of past failures and claim renewal in Christ Jesus. Having been reconciled in relationship to God, people are invited to share renewal in expressing forgiveness, acceptance, love, and unity to others in "the peace of Christ."

NOTES:

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

II Thessalonians

ANTHEM

All Things New

Choir

HOMILY

“Our Holes - God's Holy” Rev. Richard Brooks

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

James 1:16-17

† DOXOLOGY

† AFFIRMATION of FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† HYMN of COMMITMENT

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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† BENEDICTION

Romans 15:5-6

Wherever we are, God has placed us there. Wherever we go, God will lead us there. God has a purpose for our lives, from our going out and our coming in, now and forever. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

† CHORAL RESPONSE

Choir and Congregation

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy. While you go out with joy!

Postlude

SCRIPTURE & SERMON:

The Bible is a collection of books written over 1,000 of years and preserved as Holy Scripture. Scripture is proclaimed as the community of faith seeks to hear God's Word speak to the daily life and current world events. The God who acted in biblical history acts today. Through the Holy Spirit, God speaks to those who open to hearing and seeing. The proclamation of God's Word invites a response of faith through prayer, song, an affirmation of faith, prayer, and offering.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The people respond to the proclamation of the Word by affirming their faith. Creeds seasoned by the historical church since 325 A.D. express the faith of the church. The Apostles' Creed is a statement of core Christian beliefs developed initially as a baptismal rite in the early church. Its term "catholic" refers to the wholeness of the universal church.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION:

A formal dismissal concludes the service with **God's blessing** for life, **Christ's call** to obedient, and the **Holy Spirit's power** to be strong in a broken world. Our confidence in God's providence is spoken in unison, reminding us that God will guide us through the storms of life together.

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D. Ann Norris,
Clerk of Session

Class of 2019

Tom Caddell
Aylett Dickman
Ramsey Huffman

Class of 2020

John Edington
Charles Howard

Class of 2021

Parker Moore
Debbie Gibson

LITURGIST

Parker Moore

USHERS

Donna Huffman
Ramsey Huffman

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

Our Homebound:

Shirley Coleman

Juanita Dukes

Lynn & Ann Fowler

Jerry Garth

Dicky Maynor

Sue & Charles Murphree

Liz Pilgrim

Jane Rowe

Caroline Taylor

Anne Thornhill

Jean Vernon

Our Family Members in Military Service:

Peyton Davis - Army, Fort Bragg, NC
(nephew of Luke Pryor)

Happy Birthday . . .

February

03 - Sue Murphree

04 - Carolyn Shelton

09 - Mike Smith

19 - Ran Pickell

March

05 - Bob Sparks

08 - Parker Moore

09 - Charlie Guyton

20 - Donna Huffman

20 - Nancy Moss

For Your Calendar . . .

Monday

ABS

10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Mat Weaving

12:15 p.m.

Wednesday

ABS

10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

Friday

ABS

10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday

Coffee Fellowship

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.



Ian James Thornhill
Born January 23, 2020 to
Bethany and Jonathan Thornhill
in Columbia, MD

Ian is the grandson of Suzanne Thornhill
and the great grandson of Anne Thornhill