



FIRST

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CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Welcome**

Dr. Stuart Bond

Time of Meditation*Stockton*

Meyer

Chimes of the Trinity***Call to Worship**

Sing to God a brand-new song.

He's made a world of wonders!

He rolled up his sleeves,

He set things right. God made history with salvation.

He showed the world what he could do.

He remembered to love us, a bonus.

To his dear family, Israel—indefatigable love.

The whole earth comes to attention. Look—God's work of salvation!

Shout your praises to God, everybody! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band!

Round up an orchestra to play for God, add on a hundred-voice choir.

Feature trumpets and big trombones, fill the air with praises to King God.

Let the sea and its fish give a round of applause, with everything living on earth joining in.

Let ocean breakers call out, "Encore!" And mountains harmonize the finale—A tribute to God when he comes.

All: When he comes to set the earth right, He'll straighten out the whole**world. He'll put the world right, and everyone in it. (Psalm 98, *The Message*)****Hymn of Praise***Holy! Holy! Holy!*

Dykes

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee;
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee.

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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***Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we want things to be cushy. We like nice and easy. And yet, you teach with discipline. That is one of the key ways that we learn. So, Lord, teach us to let go of our wish to avoid discipline. Remind us that cushy is not the way of Christ. His is the way of love, and of obedience. Help us to embrace your truth more than our comfort.

(Time of silent prayer and reflection)

In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus makes this promise:

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.” (John 10: 14-15, 28)

In Jesus Christ, we are chosen, we are shepherded, and we are forgiven.

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.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

10 Cents a Meal

Michelle Walker

Hymn of Preparation

Written in Red

Jensen

In letters of crimson, God wrote His love
On a hillside so long, long ago.
For you and for me, Jesus died,
And love's greatest story was told.

*Chorus: I love you, I love you,
That's what Calvary said.
I love you, I love you,
I love you, written in red*

Down through the ages, God wrote His love
With the same hands that suffered and bled.
Giving all that he had to give,
A message so easily read.

Chorus

Oh precious is the flow that made me white as snow.
No other fount I know.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Sermon

Good Discipline

Dr. Stuart Bond

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:4-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle's 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.**

Hymn of Commitment

Scars

Hulse/Armstrong

Waking up to a new sunrise.
Looking back from the other side.
I can see now with open eyes.
Darkest water and deepest pain,
I wouldn't trade it for anything.
'Cause my brokenness brought me to You,
And these wounds are a story You'll use.

So I'm thankful for the scars,
'Cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.
And I know they'll always tell of who You are.
So forever I am thankful for the scars.

Now I'm standing in confidence
With the strength of Your faithfulness.
And I'm not who I was before.
No I don't have to fear anymore.
I can see, I can see how You delivered me.
In Your hands, in Your feet,
I found my victory.

I'm thankful for Your scars,
'Cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.
And with my life I'll tell of who You are.
So forever I am thankful for the scars.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Elvey

***All who are able please stand.**

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Announcements

A note of thanks: Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and calls during my mother's passing. They were so appreciated. *Tony Hunter*

You are invited to a combined adult Sunday School class in the Sanctuary each Sunday at 10:00 am! Join us for socially-distanced learning and fellowship. If you can't make it in person, join us as we go live on YouTube.

- 9/27 - Renee Goodnight
- 10/4 - Cooperative Christian Ministries
- 10/11 - Emily Griggs
- 10/18 - TBD
- 10/25 - Renee Goodnight

Wednesday Night Life continues! Pastor Stuart leads an adult Bible Study on "Becoming a Healthy Disciple" at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. The class is also live-streamed on our YouTube channel. Elementary youth meet online with Michelle Walker at 5:00pm. We will be following the "Kids' Travel Guide to the Parables". Middle and Senior High Youth meet online with Raegan Swaringen at 7:00pm. They will be exploring "Believe-It-Or-Not Bible Studies". Michelle will send meeting links to parents, so watch your email. Don't miss out on these opportunities to "Fall for Jesus 2020!"

Saltshakers will begin the 2020-2021 Women's Bible Study – "The Unchanging God" virtually on Monday, September 28 at 6:00pm.

It's SHOEBOX TIME!!! In light of current conditions, the Missions Team is introducing the Frances Milem Memorial Shoebox Challenge! In honor and memory of Frances Milem's love for children, we're challenging our church members to provide for at least 200 boxes, if not the 400 we usually pack. There are three ways to participate:

1. Pack a box and bring to church by Sunday, November 15. Please include a \$9.00 check made to Samaritan's Purse for shipping.
2. Build a box online through our Church Goal page
<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanpurse.org/view/3870c03a-68cd-49cf-9dca-007f23494e99> OR
3. Donate money to our fund. Please send your donation, marked for OCC Shoeboxes, to the church office by October 31.

All contributions will be given to build shoeboxes online, at a cost of \$25.00 per box (including shipping). Boxes will be put together by Samaritan's Purse with high-quality items that are easy to distribute. Children around the world still need to know the love of God, even if our gifts look a little different this year!

If you would like to contribute flowers for worship, please see the sign-up poster on the bulletin board just outside the church office. The cost for an arrangement is \$56.



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The Session

Jeff Barnhardt, Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

Jeff Barnhardt
Frank Gibson
Phil McLain

Class of 2022

Debbie McDaniel
Gip Rumble
Bill Stricker

Class of 2023

Dave Argabrite
Renee Goodnight
Ryan Walker

Church Staff

Dr. Stuart Bond
Transitional Pastor

David Hamilton
Director of Music

Michelle Walker
Director of Children's Ministries

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

Prayer Concerns

*New Prayer requests will be placed
in the bulletin for two weeks.*

*Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with
weekly updates emailed to firstpresb@firstpresb.org.*

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Barnhardt - at
Morningside

Iris Efir

Betty Overcash - at
Elmcroft in Salisbury

Barbara Wise

Loretta Young - at Five
Oaks

MEMBERS

Judy Goodnight -
Cancer

Bill Hammond - Health concerns

Connie Rary - Cancer, radiation treatments

Paul Barnhardt - Health concerns

Debby Baker - Cancer

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Mark Keller and his mother, Robbin - uncle of Charity
Lowder (Robbin is currently at home with hospice care.)

Amy Ritchie - friend of Jane Jacobs (Breast Cancer,
completed radiation and considering a new clinical trial for
chemo)

Krystle Tacia - friend of Chariti Lowder (Breast Cancer,
chemo)

Roxanne Debord - daughter of Tony & Judy Hunter
(chemo)

Wade Nunnery - father of Karen Pless

Bob Smith - Judy Hammond's brother (Stage 3 Lung
Cancer)

Barbara Coffey - friend of Judy Hunter (Cancer treatment)

Lori Holder - daughter of Sam McAllister (MS)

Prayer request? Please write it down on the blue pew prayer
card, & place in the offering plate.

Special Church Member of the Week

Don Efir

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Send a card, make a visit or a call, or
offer a prayer. All to say, "God loves
you and the church cares about you."



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