THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 6, 2021 ¥ 11:00 am

★ The Season of the Church Year: Ordinary Time

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Jessica Brinkley & Lily Ann, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Rick Burns

As we gather today, we call to You.

Our Father, who art in Heaven.

As we gather today, we acknowledge Your holiness.

Hallowed be Your name.

As we gather today, we seek Your ways, not our own.

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done...

As we gather today, we confess our sin to You and one another.

Forgive us as we forgive...

As we gather today, we confess our need of You.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Lead us away from temptation.

Deliver us from evil.

As we gather today, this we pray in the name of Christ.

Amen.

INTROIT Our Father

Craig Courtney

Jordan Martin, Soloist

THE PSALM Psalm 100

Mr. Burns

+HYMN OF PRAISE 7

Worthy of Worship

JUDSON

 $X \times X$

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave, full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 4:6-7

Mrs. Jamie Burns

In Pew Bible, page 242 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

+HYMN 409

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

 $X \times X$

+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Burns

As we worship God with our offerings, this is our prayer:

O God, who is the source of all good things,

we bring to You our gifts.

Enable us, along with our offerings, to give You the love of our hearts

and the service of our lives;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+DOXOLOGY GLORIA PATRI

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. Amen.

 $X \times X$

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Daniel 3:13-18

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 1008 of Old Testament

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON Carved in Stone Dr. Gilliam

At the conclusion of the sermon, we may observe a time of silence to reflect on all that has been experienced while we've worshiped together.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 509

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

+ORGAN POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Finette Matthews, Larry & Winnie Matthews, to the glory of God, and in memory of R.D. Matthews.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson Associate Pastor

Mr. W. Bland Baker Music Associate/Pianist Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)

Pastor

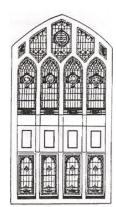
Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom Pastor Emeritus Miss Bridget Deveney Music Associate/Organist



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A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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- adapted from article by Kathleen Long Bostrom.

A Prayer for Ordinary Time

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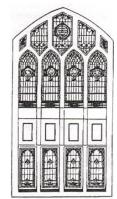
Created anew may we grow tall and "grace-full" in Your likeness.

Redeemed by Your sacrifice may we come to know more fully the depths of Your love.

Sustained by Your Spirit may we be steadfast and faithful in Your service.

We humbly ask that You continue to bless us with all we need for the living of these days—these wondrous ordinary days—that our everyday lives may be gifted to experience the vitality of Christian community, to share Your message of hope, reaching out to others with love, and bringing glory and honor to You, our God. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Ages 1 & 2: Brian & Victoria Outlaw
Age 3 - Kindergarten: Will & Landis Chamblee

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