

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the sanctuary this week are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of John Marshall by Bruce and Melinda Harvey.

WORSHIP LEADERS for today July 30:

Greeters/Ushers: Collin Jones/ Larry Clark

Worship Leader: Sandra Stephens

BIG COVE MINISTRIES this coming week July 30-August 5:

CARE Center Pick-up: Gary Bass

WAVE Team: Linda Wheeler

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members: Edith Cropp; Ray Waldrop; Pat Burke; Ray Waldrop; Amanda Vernon; Mary Burnette; Sandy Young; Merrie Duncan

Friends & Relatives: the friends and family of Derek Emmerson (friend of Dallas and Jennifer Ferneau and Don Barnhart); the family of Phyllis Rader (mother of Renay Nunn); Rev. Mel Strain; Rev. Bill & Sarah Shouse; Rev. Houston & Pat Hodges; Becky Marshall (mother of Melinda Harvey); Martha Wells (relative of Kay Gentle); Jillian Shandra (daughter of Melinda Harvey); Janie Putnam (friend of Gail Birdsong)

The Church: North Alabama Presbytery

Military & International: The nation's service men and women

Our Nation: Our President; Our Representatives

Big Cove Missions & Ministries: CARE Center; Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; Presbyterian Home for Children

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the worship service today, you are invited to gather for **cookies and lemonade** in the shade of the Bobby Birdsong pavilion.

Next Sunday, the **schedule for Sunday worship** services will return to First Light at 9:00 and traditional worship at 11:00.

Current Conversations will resume Wednesday, August 2 at 6:00.

Next Sunday, August 6, Pastor Candice will be out of town and Rev. Peggy McClure will be supplying our pulpit. We will also welcome members of Faith Presbyterian Church's choir, who will sing here with Big Cove's choir. The following Sunday, August 13, the joint choir and Pastor Klein will be leading worship at Faith, and Pastor Tom Lovell and some musicians from Faith will be leading worship here. Hurray for a Connectional church!

There will be an important meeting of the **Bazaar Planning Team** at 6:00 on Tuesday, August 8. Please come; bring your ideas and willingness to help!

WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**July 30, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

Pastor: Rev. Candice L Klein

Music Director: Jervon Niska

Pianist: Linda Wheeler

Guitarist: John Isom

Percussionist: Jimmy Jones

Nursery Available

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Worship on the Lord's Day

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2017

*As we rejoice that Jesus gave us everything, as we remember nothing stands between us and God, we speak of that mysterious faith which is ours.
Thank you, Spirit of God. Amen.*

Prelude "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" African American Spiritual

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

Call to Worship

Come and worship, proclaim God's ways of faithfulness and steadfast love.

We will tell of God's love, which unfolds in our lives.

Like a hidden treasure, or a precious pearl,

The realm of God is all we will ever need.

Come to the One who tells stories; worship our God who keeps promises.

We rejoice with God who is with us always.

***Hymns of Praise** To God Be the Glory Fanny J. Crosby
William H. Doane
"He Keeps Me Singing" Luther B. Bridges

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Why are we so foolish, Lord? Too often, we choose to adore power when we could serve others in humility. We toss and turn at night, because of all those things over which we have no control, when we could release them to you. No matter how many times we hear the news that death has lost its power over us, we try everything we can to postpone it. Please forgive us again today, Mighty One. You cast out a net of grace so that all might be gathered into your kingdom. Your Spirit carries the whispers of our hearts to you, and we are embraced with your hope, blessed with your love, safe in your plans. Thank you, Blessed One. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Who has the right to judge us? Only Christ. Yet Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us, Christ reigns in power over us, and even today, Christ prays for us! In the name of the Christ, we are forgiven!

This is the love which binds us to God forever. There is nothing in this world, or beyond, which will keep us from being God's forgiven children. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Proclaiming

Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Romans 8: 26-39 800-801
***Hymn of Reflection** How Firm a Foundation Joseph Funk
Gospel Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 691-692
Sermon "The Kingdom of Heaven is *like, Wow!*" Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

Affirmation of Faith

"Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day, culminate in the image of the Kingdom. The Kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will, and disrupts God's creation. Already, God's reign is present as commotion in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption." This we believe. Amen. -The Confession of 1967 9.54

***Hymns** "I am Thine, Lord" Fanny J. Crosby
William H. Doane
"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Charles H. Gabriel

Celebration of The Lord's Supper (see insert)

Call for the Offering

Offertory "He's Got the Whole World" African American Spiritual

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Sending

***Benediction Hymn** "I'll Fly Away" Albert E. Brumley

Blessing and Sending

Benediction Response "I'll Fly Away" Albert E. Brumley
(chorus only)

**Please stand if you are able*