GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Processional

Hymn
#158
"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

SPANISH HYMN

Opening Prayer

Rev. Jim Higgins

Introit

"In This Place"...Daniel C. Meyer

Welcome

Rev. Omer Reid, Flagg Chapel Baptist Church

Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Anthem

"We Gather Together"...John Ness Beck

Congregation, please join in singing when directed. Verse located in insert

Prayer for the Day

Rev. Sam Orr, Hardwick Baptist Church

Thank you, Creator of the universe, for the people gathered around us today.
Thank you for the means of life that give us the means to clothe and housed.
Thank you for the plants and animals that we use as food and medicine.
Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of Creation.
Help us to see our place among these gifts, not to squander them or think of them as means for selfish gain.
May we respect the life of all, you have made, and cherish our place in the web of life.
May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need, and may we use our strength to help those who need us.

Doxology Anthem

"The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune"...arr. Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Congregation, please join in singing the last verse:

"To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore, From men and angels, from the angel host, Be praise and glory evermore. Amen."

Prayer

Rev. Jerry Bradley, First Baptist Church

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and the person who loves is born of God and knows God. People: I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. Amen.

Offertory Anthorn

"Simple Gifts"...Shaker melody, arr. Dr. Mack Wilberg

Flutes: Lindsey Brown, Julie Nelson

Blessing of the Gifts

Father Michael McWhorter, Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Son of God, who invites us to the Paschal feast, stands ready to help us. Let us call upon him in our need.
For the Church of God, that we may never cease to give thanks for all good gifts,
we pray to the Lord. R
For the poor of the world, that we may share with them our food and material goods,
we pray to the Lord. R
For all who provide us with our food, that we may cherish their labor and love for the land, we pray to the Lord. R
For the world and all its creatures, that God may continue to bless and make all things fruitful, we pray to the Lord. R

Homily

Rev. Jim Higgins

"Welcome"

Rev. Julia Simmons, First Presbyterian Church

Reading

Philippians 4:4-13

Congregational Hymn #160
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

LECTIONS

Rev. Omer Reid, Flagg Chapel Baptist Church

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Welcome

Rev. Julia Simmons, First Presbyterian Church

Reading

Philippians 4:4-13

Congregational Hymn #160
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION
Leader: But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother or sister in need, yet closes his heart, how does God’s love abide in that person?

People: I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me.

Leader: In this, the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent God’s only son into the world so that we might live through him...If God so loved us, we ought to love one another.

People: Let us love not in word and speech, but in deed and in truth.

All: And Jesus said, “As you did it to the least of these, you did it unto me

Anthem “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” …………………………………Joel Raney
Congregation, please join in singing verse three when directed: verse located in the insert.

Psalm Litany (from Psalms 33, 45, 65-67, 92, 111) Rev. Phil Larsen, Hope Lutheran Church

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to God's name.

People: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as an heritage.

Leader: God visits the earth and waters it; He enriches it greatly and provides the people with grain.

People: The Lord crowns the year with bounty, the pastures of the wilderness overflow.

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept us among the living.

People: We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart! God provides food for those who fear Him; He is ever mindful of His covenant.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

ALL: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the Earth revere him. Amen.

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem “I Want to Thank You, Lord”…………………………………………..Moses Hogan
Soloist: Wade Elkins

Charge to Service Rev. Jim Higgins

Recessional Hymn # 102 “Now Thank We All Our God” NUN DANKET

Benediction Rev. Jim Higgins

Choral Benediction “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”…………………… Peter C. Lutkin

Please join us for a reception immediately following the service.
We gather together as a family, to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known.

So from the beginning the fight we were winning; Thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be given.

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation: Thy name be ever praise! O Lord, make us free!

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Verse III - Congregation
Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home; Gather thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin.

Three Hymn Tunes for Brass Quartet, arr. Robert Nagel
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken", "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Piano and Organ Duet - "The Gift of Love", English Melody arr. Hopson & Raney
Flute
- Lindsey Brown, Julie Nelson
- Dr. Ming Chen, Dr. John W. Kang, Dr. Ann Caldwell
Trumpet
- Steve Avant, Jody McMillan, Joe McMillan
- Dr. Dr. Maureen Horgan, Kyle Varmen

This evening's donations will be given to the Chard-Wray Food Pantry, the Hardwick Baptist Church Food Pantry, and the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Red Cross.

We would like to thank Rev. Jim Higgins, Wade Elkins, and the First United Methodist Church for hosting this community event!
Upcoming Choral Concerts:

First Baptist Church – Dr. Ann Caldwell
Sunday 12/5 11:00 a.m. – Dr. Ann Caldwell’s "Miracle at Midnight" Christmas Concert with Chancel Choir and Antebellums Handbell Choir
Sunday 12/19 6:00 p.m. – Children’s Musical "Miracle at Midnight"

First Presbyterian Church – Caroline Carson
Sunday 12/5 7:00 p.m. – Joy Gill Children’s Music presentation
Friday 12/24 6:30 p.m. – Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols. Pre-service music at 6:30. Candlelight service at 7:00. First Presbyterian Choir and Guests.

First United Methodist Church – Wade Elkins
Thursday 12/5 6:30 p.m. – Paul Saik (Christian artist/former opera singer) in concert
Wednesday 12/15 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 12/19 11:00 a.m. – One King, a musical, will be presented by the FUMC Music Ministry.

Hardwick Baptist Church – David Cole
Sunday 11/28 – Hanging of the Greens Service – Hardwick Baptist Church - time TBA
Sunday 12/19 7:00 p.m. – Hardwick Baptist Christmas Music program.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church – Dr. Wendy Mullen
Friday 12/24 8:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve music service Pre-service music begins at 10:30
Friday 12/24 11:00 p.m. – "Twas the Night Before Christmas" for the Central State Hospital’s Motorcade

Sacred Heart Catholic Church – Susan Craig
Tuesday 12/7 1:30 and 8:00 p.m. – " ’Twas the Night Before Christmas" for the Central State Hospital’s Motorcade
Friday 12/24 12:00 midnight – Midnight Mass

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