



SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY September 15, 2019

GATHERING

WELCOME

Dr. Jay Howell

INTROIT (8:30)

Morning Has Broken
Sarah Beegle, mezzo soprano

GAELIC MELODY

(11:00)

This Is the Day

Alice Jordan

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* HYMN #417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Rev. Rachel Hamburger

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* ACT OF PRAISE #476, vs. 5 (*Congregation sings.*)

LYONS

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

* PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Children may come forward and gather at the font for the baptism as their Children's Time today.

THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

(The congregation will sing as the family comes forward.)

Child of blessing, child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water, God has sealed you unto love and grace divine. Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came. Back to God we humbly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

(Following the baptism, children ages four through first grade meet their greeters for Children & Worship. Children should be picked up below the Sanctuary after the service.)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(8:30) Foster Arnett
(11:00) Richard Swan

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 27:4-5

Pew Bible, p. 503

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO (8:30)

Open Our Eyes
Sarah Beegle, mezzo soprano

Will C. Mcfarlane

ANTHEM (11:00)

O Love
SHPC Chancel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 2:11-22

Pew Bible, p.192

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

In Christ: No Longer Strangers

Dr. Ray Howell

HYMN #322 (seated)

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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.

THE OFFERING

*Attendance registers are in the pews, next to the center aisle.
Please sign and pass them on to the person sitting next to you.*

OFFERTORY (8:30)	<i>Swing Low, Sweet Chariot</i> Eunsuk Jung, organ	Ralph Simpson
(11:00)	<i>Open Our Eyes</i> Sarah Beegle, mezzo soprano	Will C. Mcfarlane

* DOXOLOGY (*Congregation sings.*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' 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. Amen.

SENDING

* HYMN #379 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* Douglas Wagner

*Prayer is available after worship at the front of the Sanctuary
and in the Chapel.*

*Large-print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals, and assisted-listening devices
(Bluetooth and t-coil compatible) are available upon request.*

Lightweight shawls are hanging on the coat rack for anyone who would like a little extra warmth.

*Ushers are available to assist you with these items.
Please let us know how we can further assist you.*

If you feel the Spirit of God moving you to affirm your faith in Jesus, please speak to a pastor following the Service or contact one this week at the church.

May applause resound in our hearts as we ascribe to the Lord the glory of His Name.

** Please stand if you are able.*

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 A.M. - Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 P.M. - Congregational Life Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)
- 6:00 P.M. - Youth Sunday Night Fellowship (The Loft)

MONDAY

- 10:00 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)
- Stretch/Balance/Strength Exercise Class (The Loft)
- 11:15 A.M. - Yoga Class (The Loft)

TUESDAY

- 9:00 A.M. - FISH Deliveries (Barron Hall)
- 10:30 A.M. - JOY Fellowship Trip (off site)
- 4:30 P.M. - Youth Serve at Thrive (off site)
- 5:00 P.M. - Disciple 5 (The Loft)
- 8:00 P.M. - College Discipleship Small Group (off site)

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 A.M. - Wednesday Bible Study (Fowler Conference Room)
- 4:30 P.M. - Joyful Praise Choir (Upper Conference Room)
- Joyful Noise Choir (Children & Worship Room)
- Women's Ministries Meeting (Room 232)
- 5:15 P.M. - Wednesday Night Fellowship (Barron Hall)
- 6:00 P.M. - Disciple Fast-Track Bible Study (Room 322)
- Infant/Toddler Childcare (Room 204)
- Preschool/Elementary Childcare (Media Room)
- Youth Small Groups (The Loft)
- 6:15 P.M. - Bible Studies:
 - 1st-3rd Grade and 4th-5th Grade (Kingdom)
 - Women with Younger Children (Fowler Conference Room)
 - Women 45+ (Reception Room)
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY

- 10:00 A.M. - Stretch/Balance/Strength Exercise Class (The Loft)
- 11:15 A.M. - Yoga Class (The Loft)
- 5:30 P.M. - Prayer Committee Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)

FRIDAY

7:00 A.M. - Men's Bible Studies (various locations)

9:00 A.M. - Beginner's Tai Chi (Barron Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU A VISITOR WITH US TODAY? We are delighted that you are here. If you would like more information about Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, please speak to an usher or visit our website at www.sequoyahchurch.org.

INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH: During the 11:00 Service today, **Crosby James Cutter**, son of Casey and Laura Cutter, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Elder Matt Reed will represent the Session.

WE CELEBRATE OUR CONGREGATION participating in the Fifth Annual Pre-Teen Retreat at John Knox Center this weekend. Nearly 70 fourth and fifth graders and chaperones gathered to explore the story of Jonah. Several churches co-planned and executed this event but especially its founder, Mary Emily Morris. As 24 members return at noon today, please watch out for exhausted children and leaders in the parking lot.

SIGN UP FOR A SUPPER CLUB in the Bell Tower or online through September 15. This is a great way to get involved, meet new friends, and eat wonderful meals.

FISH items that are needed for Tuesday, September 17, are dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, and shampoo. If you can help with deliveries, contact Kim Zirkle at 805-4232 or at squeeze84@comcast.net.

JOY FELLOWSHIP is going to Litton's Restaurant on Tuesday, September 17. The cost is \$20, which includes dessert. Space is limited to 20 people. Call 522-9804 to reserve your spot. The bus will leave the church at 10:30 A.M.

YOUTH SERVE AT THRIVE PARKRIDGE on Tuesday at 4:30 P.M. Dinner will be prepared and served for elementary students as well as helping them with homework. Anyone who would like to serve alongside our youth is welcome. The address is 2500 E. 5th Avenue.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER at 5:15 P.M. in Barron Hall: Chick-fil-A. RSVP and prepayment required by tomorrow at 3:00 P.M. using one of the following options: the attendance register/leaving a check in the offering plate, calling the church office/ bringing a check to the office, or on the church website using the "RSVP & Pay" or "Online Giving" link with number attending listed to the right of amount being paid – \$8 youth/adults, \$5 children/seniors, and \$25 family maximum.

A NEW BEGINNERS TAI CHI CLASS is underway on Fridays from 9:00 to 10:30 in Barron Hall. Please join the class to learn more about the wonderful benefits of this gentle form of exercise.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A PILATES CLASS on Wednesday mornings? If there is enough interest, a class will be added from 10:30 to 11:30 in the Youth Loft. Anyone who is interested is asked to contact our Parish Nurse, Laurette Beekman, at 522-9804 or lbeekman@sequoyahchurch.org.

THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE voted to send \$1,000 from the Disaster Relief line item to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund for Hurricane Dorian. Continue to pray for recovery and consider making a hygiene kit by Monday, September 23.

YOUNG ADULT WATCH PARTY: UT vs. Florida at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 21, at the home of Scott and Stephanie Daniel. All young adults (self-defined) are welcome. Contact Lauren Hall at ljaffurs.hall@gmail.com for more details.

GIFT OF THE HEART HYGIENE KITS are sent by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on request to victims of natural disasters worldwide. This is an excellent hands-on project for anyone who wants a tangible way to be involved. Include a hand towel, washcloth, wide-tooth comb, nail clipper, bar of soap, toothbrush (no toothpaste), and ten adhesive bandages. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure. Ship completed kits to Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center, 1720 Ferncliff Road, Little Rock, AR 72223. Partial supplies should be delivered to the church office by Monday, September 23.

GRIEF CARE is an eight-week, Christ-centered, grief-recovery program that combines biblically based teachings on grief recovery with opportunities to receive comfort in a small-group setting. The fall session (Mondays 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.) begins on September 23. You are encouraged to call the church office if you plan to attend, but registration is not required. If you have any questions, please contact Eleanor Barron at eleanorwbarron@comcast.net.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW going through a challenging spot of some kind? Could you or someone you know use extra prayer or encouragement during this season? Consider the gift of a trained Stephen Minister, who will come alongside in a gentle, confidential, and wonderful way. Don't walk alone! For more information, contact Sis Mitchell at 584-8447 or Pastor Rachel at 522-9804, ext 123. This ministry is open to members as well as anyone in the community.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AT KARM: SHPC'S semi-annual opportunity to prepare and serve dinner at KARM is the last Sunday of next month, October 27. Please consider signing up for one of the several serving areas listed on the sheet located in the narthex. If you have not served in the past two years (prior to 2018), there is also a waiver form you will need to sign and leave with the folder. If you are unable to attend one of the upcoming worship services and want to serve, contact Dan Gaubas at dangaubas@gmail.com and let him know if you want to cook for, prep, and/or serve their guests. You will also need to provide a contact email or phone number. As we are reminded in Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

THE MISSIONARY BULLETIN BOARD, located in the long hallway heading to Spitzer Building, has been updated. It shows our eleven missionaries, their countries, and respective flags. A new, expanded brochure with biographical information will soon be available.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE CHURCH-WIDE CELEBRATION "A New Season at SHPC!" on Sunday, September 29, at Hunter Valley Farm beginning at 4:00 P.M. Enjoy family fun, dinner provided by the church, and fellowship with members of all ages as we kick off the stewardship season and celebrate with Jay Howell and family. For anyone who is interested in attending this year's small-group stewardship gatherings, there will be an opportunity to sign up during the celebration.

UPON THE ADVICE OF THE KNOXVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT,

SHPC, like other churches in Knoxville, has made the decision to keep all exterior doors locked during business hours, Monday through Friday. The safety of the staff and members using the church is our utmost priority. Simply ring the doorbell at the office door and you will immediately be buzzed in. We are working on an additional access point for the Spitzer Building. Just as soon as we have something in place, we will make another announcement to let you know. Thank you for your patience as we find the best solution for all.

TRY A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: You are welcome to attend any class at any time: (1) Chapel – The Book of Acts, (2) Room 232 – Saints of Old and Modern Day, (3) Spitzer Room 317 – Message, Faith, and Spirit, (4) Spitzer Room 320 – Satan in the Bible, and (5) Spitzer Room 322 – Adam Hamilton’s *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*.

NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BROCHURES are in pew racks and throughout the building explaining opportunities for children, youth, and adults.

THIS SUNDAY’S VOLUNTEERS: Greeter – Louise Lindsay, Ushers – Ned Babb, Joe Bruner, Sandy Gillespie, Beau Hannifin, Lee Hyde, Vance Link, Jim Mitchell, Jerry Sinclair, Judd Spitzer, and Beth Sterchi. August Flowers – Denise Anderson, Sunny Biden, Samma Bromley, Helen Bruner, Kathryn Callaway, Stephanie Daniel, Cheryl Kershaw, Courtney Lee, and Joyce Simms.

IN THE NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED-LIVING CENTERS: Arbor Terrace – Donna Stevens; NHC Farragut – Barbara Patterson; Northshore Senior Living – Phyllis Marks and Margaret Rodgers; Park Place of West Knoxville – Jim Pattenon; Westmoreland – Betty Benson and Pat Gray.



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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