



**Pastor Message**  
*Ellen Gurnon*

Dear Members and Friends,

This pandemic – which began mid-March and we prayed would be over by Easter – is still a very present crisis. It is truly discouraging for all of us.

I want to thank you for your patience with the ever-changing status of church. The decision to open or close the church to in-person worship is a difficult one. The Session takes it very seriously each time we are faced with it. Please know that our greatest priority is the health and safety of our members. We absolutely do not want to put anyone in a position where they might be tempted to take an unnecessary risk.

I've been reminded recently that CRISIS can also be thought of as OPPORTUNITY. We have the opportunity during this crisis to learn creative, new ways of worshiping God and observing the Sacraments. Some of you have taken time to reach out to fellow members through notes, cards, and phone calls. Perhaps you have taken the opportunity to spend more time in prayer or reading your Bible or journaling in an effort to find meaning and peace in these troubled times.

This is a good time to develop a closer relationship with God, to nurture our relationships with one another, and to grow in faith. I encourage you to do so, and I am available to talk with you if you have questions or need resources. I would be honored to pray with you by phone.

Health, grace, and peace,

Pastor Ellen



## LECTIONARY

### August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Genesis 32:22–31,  
Psalm 17:1–7, 15  
Romans 9:1–5  
Matthew 14:13–21

### August 9<sup>th</sup>

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28  
Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b  
Romans 10:5–15  
Matthew 14:22–33

### August 16<sup>th</sup>

Genesis 45:1–15  
Psalm 133  
Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32  
Matthew 15:[10–20] 21–28

### August 23<sup>rd</sup>


Exodus 1:8—2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12:1–8  
Matthew 16:13–20

### August 30<sup>th</sup>

Exodus 3:1–15  
Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45b  
Romans 12:9–21  
Matthew 16:21–28


## Calendar

### August 2nd


 Livestream Worship Service  
**10:45 a.m.**

“The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like”  
Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Synod Executive,  
Synod of Mid-America


### August 9th

 Livestream Worship Service  
**10:45 a.m.**


### August 16th

 Livestream Worship Service  
**10:45 a.m.**

### August 23rd

 Livestream Worship Service  
**10:45 a.m.**

### August 30<sup>th</sup> Worship Service (TBD)

 Livestream Worship Service  
**10:45 a.m.**



## Westminster Chimes

August 2020



*While we are all observing responsible social distancing, you are invited to attend virtual worship services hosted through First Presbyterian's YouTube channel or you can go to their webpage at [www.firstpccape.org/sermons](http://www.firstpccape.org/sermons) On August 9th all are encouraged to celebrate Holy Communion in your homes as prompted during the live broadcast service. Feel free to contact the church with any questions on how to access the channel.*

Allen Lane

August 9

Sheila Pruitt

August 15

Doyle Privett

August 26

John Coleman

August 29



With many churches not open now, Fish is having to buy food from the SEMO Food Bank.

Anyone wanting to donate can give a designated \$5.00 or more per month to our church and we will then cut and send them a check with the designated monthly total.

Session Notes

**The session will be meeting again on August 25<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of determining plans for either extending the closure or a schedule for reopening the church.**  
**Stay Tuned & Stay Safe** 