

***Charge**

Leader: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Andy Morgan

***Benediction**

Lyn Oakley

***Congregational Benediction**

**Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know
we are one in you**

Postlude

Greeters *Monty Montgomery, Sue Wheeler*

Ushers *Barbara Riehl, Bob Davis*

Liturgist *Dr. Andy Morgan*

Music *Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble*

Preacher *Lyn Oakley*

Announcements

Needs for BELIZE EDUCATION- It costs \$700 per year for one student to attend high school or vocational school. Most Los Tambos families cannot afford the cost of tuition, books, and other expenses when they are struggling provide food, shelter, and clothing. Next year, we hope to help 19 students pursue higher education.

How to Donate - Feeling called to donate? Donate online by scanning the QR code below or donate by check payable to FCPC noted for the appropriate category.



Consider the Birds

Who: All members are invited

What: Consider the Birds. Join us for an introductory bird watching/fellowshipping event. The birding members of the church will introduce us to the hobby of bird watching followed by a bag lunch. The event will be hosted by Dave and Tracye Robertson

Where: 615 Duignan Road, Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

When: May 6, 2023, 9am - after lunch. Transportation and/or carpool will leave from the church at 8:15

Additional information: Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. Wear hiking clothes and bring a pair of binoculars, a camping chair, and wading shoes if you would like to dip your toes in the river. If you would prefer to sit in the pavillion and enjoy the spring day and country air, you are welcome to do that as well.

Questions: Contact Bill Keeler (especially bird questions) or Don Grogan

Baptism of Elizabeth (Beth) Kate Hill

Beth is the daughter of Chris and Rachel Hill
Sister of Jack Hill

Granddaughter of maternal grandparents, Lloyd and Julie Bales

Granddaughter of paternal grandparents, Jay and Lorna Hill

Great Granddaughter of maternal great grandparents, Ralph and Margaret Fuqua, Lloyd Bales Sr

Great Granddaughter of paternal great grandmother, Marilyn Field



May 7, 2023

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Call to Worship

Andy Morgan

Leader: You are a chosen race,

All: a royal priesthood,

Leader: a holy nation, God's own people,

All: in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts

Leader: of the One who called you out of darkness

All: into God's marvelous light

Leader: Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

Lyn Oakley

Leader: Open the heavens, O God, and pour out your Spirit upon us, that all who have been raised to new life with Christ in baptism may, by word and deed, show forth the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn Baptized in Water (see insert)**

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children,
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptism of Elizabeth Kate Hill, daughter of Chris and Rachel Hill

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #426

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Ritual of Friendship

*Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register
located on the center aisle under the pew in front*

Andy Morgan

Call to Confession

Leader: This is the covenant I will make with you, says the Lord: I will put my law within you, and I will write it upon your hearts; and I will be your God, and you will be my people. I will forgive your evil deeds, and I will remember your sin no more. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God

Andy Morgan

Prayer of Confession

All: In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, preferring the luring ways of the world. Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism, forgive our signal ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Andy Morgan

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Leader: Hear the good news! In baptism you were buried with Christ. In baptism also you were raised to life with him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead. Anyone who is in is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Andy Morgan

****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.*

****Passing the Peace***

Leader: God's love for us is the foundation of our lives as people and as a people. Let us respond to this love my sharing it with one another, assured of God's everlasting love in our lives and in our midst. The peace of Christ be with you all.

Andy Morgan

All: And also with you!

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with the Father and the Son, now and forever. Amen.

Andy Morgan

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:33-34

Andy Morgan

Epistle Reading I Peter 2:1-10

Andy Morgan

Anthem His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, And long for heav'n and home;
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is he;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

Refrain:
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;
For his eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise;
When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, From care he sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me. [Refrain]

New Testament Reading Acts 2:38-47

Lyn Oakley

Sermon Being The Church Together

Lyn Oakley

****Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed***

Andy Morgan

All: 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.

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Andy Morgan

All: 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

Call for Offering

Andy Morgan

Leader: Church, our God has prepared a table before us and our cup overflows. So let us give generously from our common, wealth, as our way of praising God and giving to those in need.

Offertory

****Doxology***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**

****Prayer Dedication***

Andy Morgan

All: Devote yourself to the teachings of the gospel, to our prayers and our Christian fellowship day by day, for they will lead you to a glad and generous heart. Amen.

****Hymn #426 Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.