

Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
 June 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Prelude	<i>According to Your Kindness, God</i>	J.G. Walther
Welcome		
Introit	<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i>	Bridegroom
*Call to Worship	(Responsive)	
*Hymn 673	<i>Jesus, Light of Joy</i>	Lauda Anima
Prayer of Confession		
Response	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	Hymn 288
Assurance of God's Forgiveness		
*Response	<i>Glory to God</i>	Hymn 582
*Passing of the Peace		
Scripture Lesson	2 Timothy 1:1-12	NT, p. 211
Anthem		
Scripture Lesson	John 15:1-11	NT, p. 109
Sermon	Pruning	Rev. Dr. Judy Mitchell Rich
*Hymn 308	<i>O God In Whom All Life Begins</i>	Noel
*Affirmation of Faith	(Unison)	A Brief Statement of Faith
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		
Offering	<i>Ein Feste Burg</i>	J.S. Bach
*Hymn 634	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	To God Be The Glory
*Charge and Benediction		
*Response	<i>We Will Go Out with Joy</i>	Hymn 539
Postlude	<i>Allegro</i>	Composer Unknown

*All who are able please stand.

What's Happening at Hope:

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Judy Mitchell Rich to the pulpit today as Pastor Christie is required to be out of town at the PC(USA) General Assembly gathering today. Rev. Rich is an ordained Presbyterian USA minister. She has served churches in Michigan, Kansas, and Ohio; and now in her retirement lives north of Athens. She is a frequent guest preacher in North Alabama churches and has authored four novels, which are church mysteries and reveal some of the complexities of the life of a pastor. *Like Sheep, Like a Fox, Like a Fig Tree, and Like Balaam's Ass.* We thank Rev. Rich for sharing her gifts with us today.

Summer Worship: We have suspended Sunday School for the summer and worship will be held each week at **10:00 a.m.** Our faithful Sunday School teachers and leaders have earned a sabbatical, and the earlier worship services will give you an opportunity to enjoy more of your Sabbath day following worship. We will resume Sunday School and our normal schedule on Celebration Sunday (August 19) as we recognize our Sunday School teachers and begin a new "year" of learning.

Our "Cards for a Cause" Playschool fundraiser is drawing to a close. We will be taking orders through TODAY. You can purchase 30 high-quality cards in a keepsake box for \$30 and \$14 of your order will be returned to our Playschool to support scholarships and supplies. There are 4 boxes available: Thanks and Blanks (2 different options), All Occasion, and Kids Birthday Cards. Order forms and card samples are available on the credenza inside the main entrance or you can contact the church office. Checks should be made payable to "Molly Hall". Please consider supporting our wonderful Playschool ministry through this popular fundraiser!

Save the Date! On Sunday, July 1, we will join Faith Presbyterian and Big Cove Presbyterian (at Faith) for a joint worship service, with a BBQ lunch to follow. The pastors will co-lead worship and preach together. Please plan to bring a dessert to share. We look forward to celebration and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ! (There will be NO worship service at Hope that morning.)

Upcoming worship series – "This is Our Story, This is Our Song". In late July, Pastor Christie will begin a sermon series on our favorite hymns. We will focus on one favorite each Sunday for 6 weeks (although other beloved hymns will make cameo appearances in the service as well) – hearing the Scripture passage it is based on and some of that hymn's history. In order to prepare, we need to know what your favorite hymns are! Please complete the bulletin insert listing your three favorite hymns in order and return it via the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Christie following worship.

Hope Presbyterian Playschool: Registration for the 2018/19 school year is under way—please share the word with your family, friends, and neighbors!



Assisting in Worship Today

Worship Leader: Tom Giles

Greeters: Richard & Carol Welch

Ushers today: Andy Young, Tom & Anita Giles

Ushers next Sunday: Cheryl Hoard, Daniel Ray

Sound technician: Thomas Compton

Church Calendar At-A-Glance:

TODAY	10:00 a.m.	Summer Worship—No Sunday School
June 18-20		Church Office CLOSED
June 26	6:30 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting

Our prayer family of the week is Judy Counts. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Judy and her family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.

The Elder on Call for June is Richard Welch. He may be contacted at any time for information, in case of emergency, or with any concerns at 256-883-7258.

2018 Financials:

May Operating Income: \$ 9,101	May Operating Expenses: \$ 10,559
YTD Operating Income: \$ 46,368	YTD Operating Expenses: \$ 47,473

Prayer Concerns

Members:

Sharon Campbell
 Judy Counts
 Kitsy Stracener
 Sara Malaspina
 Janet Onkey
 Nona Kendrick
 Barbara Jones
 Mary Rudd
 George & Beth Burks
 Sandra Young
 Bennie Langston
 Dr. Chris Hauer
 Shelby Albert
 Faye Moore

Family:

Jim Loveman (Peter Loveman)
 The family of Gene Daniel (Brenda Brazier)
 Nikki Wix (Judy Counts)
 The family of John Hauer
 (Chris and Liz Hauer)
 Gran & Karen Mitchell (Traci Loveman)
 Jim Sterling (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
 Carolyn Adsit Haygood
 (Debbie and David Adsit)
 Jean Clutts (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
 James Brazier (Brenda Brazier)
 Susan Galyon (Barbara Dennis)
 Nancy Haynes (Barbara Jones)
 Ann Patterson (Kathy Graham)
 Kelley Tucker (Anita Giles)
 Robert Crawley (Barbara Dennis)

Friends:

Nancy Collins (Traci Loveman)
 Sue Hendrix (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
 The family of Chris Shuman (Pastor Christie)
 The family of Judy Alexander (Jill Whitelock)
 Nancy Collins (Traci Loveman)
 The family of Susie Bryant (Judy Counts)
 Walt & Stephanie Aldridge (Judy Counts)
 The family of Betty Brownback (Estella Dunham)
 Katie & David Ainsley (Barbara Dennis)
 Janice Childress Wilson (Barbara Dennis)
 Andy & Linnhe Reed (Candy Lord)
 Rev. Houston Hodges
 Logan Shaffer (Barbara Dennis)
 Pat Putman (Cheryl Hoard)
 Patsey Sloan & Anthony Sloan (Vicki Compton)

Those serving in our military