

**Order of Worship**  
**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
 October 14, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Jesus, I'll Never Forsake You</i>	J.G. Walther
<b>Welcome</b>		
<b>Introit</b>	<i>O Christ, Surround Me</i>	Green Tyler
<b>*Call to Worship</b> (Responsive)		The Iona Community
<b>*Hymn 81</b>	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>	Austrian Hymn
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>		
<b>Response</b>	<i>Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us</i>	Hymn 575
<b>Assurance of God's Forgiveness</b>		
<b>*Response</b>	<i>Glory to God</i>	Hymn 582
<b>*Passing of the Peace</b>		
<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	Joshua 24:1-5,16-26	OT, p. 215
<b>Anthem</b>		
<b>Sermon</b>	A Covenant Community: Choices That Matter	Rev. Christie Ashton
<b>*Hymn 761</b>	<i>Called As Partners In Christ's Service</i>	Beecher
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b> (Unison)		The Iona Community
<b>Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Offering</b>	<i>March from "Joshua"</i>	G.F. Handel
<b>*Hymn 853</b>	<i>We Are Marching in the Light of God</i>	Siyahamba
<b>*Charge and Benediction</b>		
<b>*Response</b>	<i>O God, Who Gives Us Life</i> (verse 3)	Hymn 53
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>Allegro</i>	Charles H. Rinck

\*All who are able please stand.

**What's Happening at Hope:**

**New Sermon Series:** We recently began a new year of exploring God's story and our story – beginning in Genesis and continuing through the Scriptures. Our sermon series this fall focuses on being a "Covenant Community" living faithfully with God and one another. We will hear God's first promises to God's people, and consider how we can live into and response to God's promises today. We hope you will join us!

**World Communion Sunday:** Last week was World Communion Sunday. This special offering is designated to support peacemaking endeavors. A portion of your donations is used locally by our Session, and the remainder supports peacemaking work and visits at the national and international level. This year, the Session has chosen to support Hope Place, a local shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. This offering is a reflection of our commitment to seek peace as a people who follow Christ, the Prince of Peace. Please mark special offerings as "Peacemaking".

**Combined Federal Campaign for Federal employees:** If you are a federal employee, you can support your favorite charities through the Combined Federal Campaign from now through December. Please consider supporting The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center, which provides affordable faith-based counseling and emotional healing for individuals, couples, and families. Your support will help provide a scholarship assisted sessions. The Vine's code is 53497. Please contact Susan Bidwell at 256-457-2091 if you have further questions.

**Hope Presbyterian Playschool:** This week our Playschool friends enjoyed the week off with their friends and family for Fall Break. We look forward to seeing them again next week!



**2018 Financials:**

Sept. Operating Income: \$ 10,218	Sept. Operating Expenses: \$ 11,782
YTD Operating Income: \$ 87,298	YTD Operating Expenses: \$ 83,986

**Assisting in Worship Today**

**Worship Leader:** Tom Giles

**Greeters:** Susan Bidwell

**Ushers today:** Judy Counts

**Ushers next Sunday:** Andy Young, Tom & Anita Giles

**Sound technician:** Daniel Ray

**Church Calendar At-A-Glance:**

Oct. 21	11:30 a.m.	Backpack Blessings packing party & Fellowship Lunch
Oct. 30	6:30 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
Oct. 31	11:30 a.m.	Hope Lunch Bunch (location TBD)

Our prayer family of the week is Ben and Becca Phillips. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Ben, Becca, and their family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.

The Elder on Call for October is Bob Lord. He may be contacted at any time for information, in case of emergency, or with any concerns at 256-883-2321.

*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:**

- Beth McCormick (Lewis & Margie Agnew)
- Will Lee (Lewis & Margie Agnew)
- Caleb Swann (Richard & Carol Welch)
- Helen Ray (Daniel Ray)
- Jane Yantis (Candy Lord)
- Jim Loveman (Peter Loveman)
- The family of Gene Daniel (Brenda Brazier)
- Carolyn Adsit Haygood (Debbie and David Adsit)
- Gran & Karen Mitchell (Traci Loveman)
- Jim Sterling (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
- Jean Clutts (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
- Susan Galyon (Barbara Dennis)
- Kelley Tucker (Anita Giles)
- Robert Crawley (Barbara Dennis)

**Friends:**

- The family of Scarlett Chandler (Shelby Albert)
- Robert Boles (Estella Dunham)
- Lola Papagermanos (Judy Counts)
- Sue Hendrix (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
- Katie & David Ainsley (Barbara Dennis)
- Janice Childress Wilson (Barbara Dennis)
- Rev. Houston Hodges
- Logan Shaffer (Barbara Dennis)
- Pat Putman (Cheryl Hoard)
- Patsey Sloan & Anthony Sloan (Vicki Compton)

**Those serving in our military**