

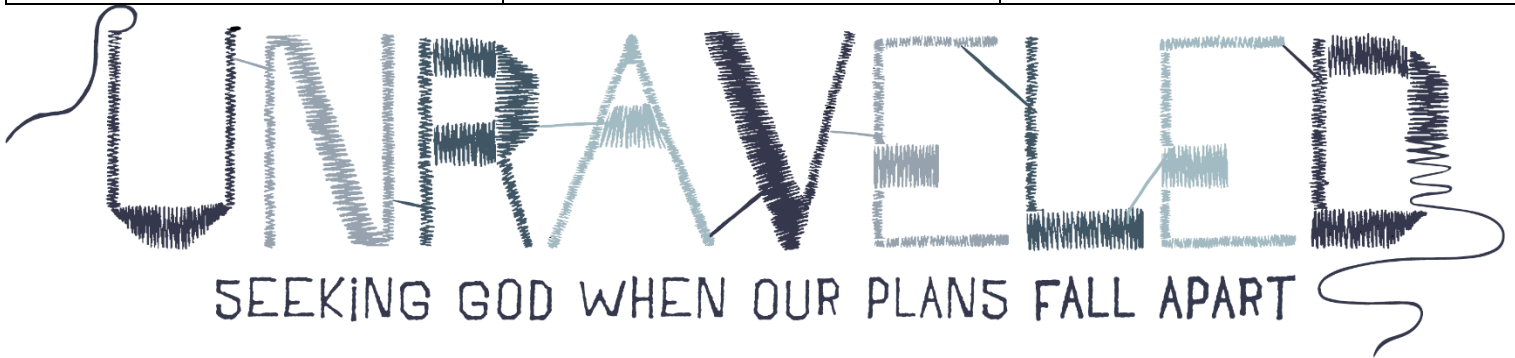
# Philippi Baptist Church

By the grace of God, the Philippi Baptist Church shall  
**Embrace, Model,**  
and **Share** the love of God through  
Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
June 7, 2020

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I believe in God, the Great Sewer—  
Who weaves us together in community,  
Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.

I believe in the Holy Spirit—  
Who hems us in before and behind,  
Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.

And I believe in Jesus Christ—  
Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out,  
refusing to disregard anyone as scrap.

I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being,  
Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.

I believe the fabric of my life is weak,  
That I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.

I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics,  
She is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.

And I believe that when life unravels,  
God is there to stitch my wounds together,  
To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,  
And to invite me into a new journey.



[www.tinyurl.com/pbcwvgive](http://www.tinyurl.com/pbcwvgive)

Amen

# We Worship God Together

With delight, we greet all who have come to worship here in God's house. May we be spiritually fed and renewed by His Grace.

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Make Me A Blessing</i>	Marj Campbell & Michele Moore
<b>INTROIT</b>	<i>Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart</i>	PBC Quartet
<b>WELCOME</b>		Gerald Fogg
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		
<b>MISSION MOMENT</b>	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	
<b>SONG OF PRAISE</b>	<i>No Longer Slaves</i>	Praise Team
<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>		
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<i>Genesis 21:1-7</i>	
<b>PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER</b>		Pastor Jon Villers
<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	<i>Glorify Thy Name/Majesty</i>	Praise Team
<b>TINY MOMENTS</b>		Koreen Villers
<b>COMMUNION PREPARATION</b>	<i>Give Us Laughter Unexpected</i>	PBC Quartet
<b>COMMUNION</b>		
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<i>Sarah Laughs- Unexpected Joy</i>	Pastor Jon Villers
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	<i>Oh Happy Day</i>	PBC Quartet
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		Pastor Jon Villers
<b>GO IN PEACE</b>		

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Unraveled:** Seeking God When our Plans Fall Apart  
The Beginning of a 12-week Summer Series

## Sarah Laughs – Unexpected Joy

*Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7*

- What has unraveled and/or is unraveling in this text?

- What are the results of the unraveling?
- How is God working in the midst of the unraveling?
- What might we glean from this story of unraveling?

# Call to Worship

**Leader:** In worship,

**Congregation:** May we be as welcoming as Sarah and Abraham, who were quick to serve the stranger.

**Leader:** In faith,

**Congregation:** May we proclaim that nothing is too big for God.

**Leader:** In moments of holy surprise,

**Congregation:** May we laugh with deep abiding joy.

**Leader:** For God is in the holy surprise.

**Congregation:** God is in the winding path.

**Leader:** And God is in our presence today.

**All:** Let us worship Holy God.

## Scripture Reading:

*Genesis 21:1-7*

1 The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. 2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Financial Giving	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
Last Sunday	\$3,969	\$2,231	56%
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$87,309	\$80,928	92.7%
YTD Ministry Investments	\$87,309	\$84,773	97.1%
One Geat Hour of Sharing	\$1,000	\$813.70	81.4%
Furnace Fund	\$35,000	\$26,740	76.4%
Capital Improvement Fund	\$25,000	\$2,600	10.4%

## Virtual Vacation Bible School with Philippi Baptist Church. Emotions with Emojis!

July 6th-9th 2020 from 5-6:30pm on Zoom

(Link will be provided after registration)

Lessons on Fear, Confusion, Anger, and Disappointment.

PBC will be providing supplies for a snack, lesson, craft, etc. We will be offering 3 different ways to give out supply packs.

- Pick up (designated dates on Thursday July 2nd from 11am-1pm or Friday July 3rd 11-1pm)
- Drop off at houses (must provide address)
- Mail (Registration must be submitted by June 19th)

For more information contact the office at 304.457.3206.



June 7, 2020

## *Prayer Requests*

- **AB University**, President Barry, faculty, staff, and students.
- **Chris Armentrout** needs continued prayer for the strength to make forward progress in his recovery.
- **The Youth of Barbour County**. Requested by Zach Carder.
- **Phil Bowers**, Philippi's mayor, and other local officials.
- **Barbour County Schools**, as they work to feed the children. Requested by Pastor Jon.
- **Celebrate Recovery Barbour County**, that God equips leaders and provides for the ministry and prayer requests.
- **The Drew Crislip Family**, their youngest son Ethan passed away on Sunday, May 24, services were this past weekend. Drew is a mentor of Pastor Jon.
- **Flooding in Midland MI** affecting Marilyn Shearer, as she was evacuated. Requested by Marj Campbell.
- **Durwood Franke**, brother of Danny Franke, has tested positive for COVID 19 and his breathing has degraded. He is on a ventilator in a hospital in San Antonio Texas. Requested by Danny Franke.
- **Bill Jacobs**, Dianna Wright's dad, is home recovering from a bout of pneumonia.
- **Leadership** in our national and state government positions.
- **Ray Marsh**, brother of Joann and Judy Marsh, is struggling with heart complications. Requested by Gary Price.
- **Leandra Morlan** had her appointment at Cleveland Clinic, and they said they can't do anything more for her than Duke is already doing. She is home and in need of 24hr care. Decisions need to be made regarding her continued care and quality of life. Requested by Koreen Villers.
- **Michele Moore** regarding health concerns. Requested by Pastor Jon.
- **Parents** of Michele Moore, for continued good health. They are elderly and live in Charleston. Requested by Michele.
- **Ron Skidmore**, Cheryl Wolfe's nephew-in-law, passed away May, 21<sup>st</sup>. Please keep their family in your prayers.
- **Marija Sommer** has geographic atrophy myopia in her eyes that affects her vision. Requested by Jovan Vlastic.
- **Koreen Villers** is scheduled for knee surgery on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Prayers for unrest and the need for justice and reconciliation across our country.**

### **Praises:**

- **Shirly Keen has moved to Charleston and is now close to her family!**

We would like to thank and honor those who are currently serving our country in the military: **Amber Underwood** (sister of Madison Riffle Stout) and **Brian Lundell** (both stationed in Germany), **Clark Wells** (stationed in Japan) and **Tyler Curtis** (stationed in Hawaii) sons of Mike & Anita Wells.

Our shut-ins: Please remember in prayer members of our church family who have faithfully attended down through the years but are unable to do so at present: **Blair Marks** (VA Nursing Home), **Germaine Whitman** (8912 Tumbleweed Dr., Crossroads, TX 76227-3885), **Elsie Frye**, **Martha Rose Roy** (2300 Airfield Ln. Midland, MI 48642), **Margaret Salimi** (Charleston).

Our missionaries: Please remember in prayer those who serve in foreign lands to further the Kingdom of God: The **Myers family** (Keith, Debbi, Boyden & Ballie) in Mexico, the **Aragon family** (Juan, Denise, Juancito & Zeba) in Chiapas, Mexico, the **Smith family** (Brian, Lynette, Richard & Calen) in Haiti, The **Vance family** (Shaun, Jeri, Selena & Micaiah) in Kenya, the **Orner family** (Steve, Bekah [Byrer], Ruthie, Doug & Heather) in Madagascar, the **Reed family** (JD, Rhonda, Grace, Abigail, & Nathanael) in Bolivia.

## THE HEIR (SARAH LAUGHS)

by hannah garrity

inspired by genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 | acrylic & ink on canvas

Sarah, mother of Isaac, joyfully nurses her newborn son, giving him the nutrients he needs to grow and thrive. Abounding liquid—as a mother, I know what that is like. The feeling of a pouring out; a pouring out of milk, of blood, of tears, of joy; a pouring out of depression, of fear, of baby blues, of awe.

In this image, I have expressed the feeling of pouring out. The flow throughout the background relates directly to the pain and joy that Sarah and Hagar have struggled through in their discordant parallel lives. Expressed in shades of milk, blood, and water, this image is deeply feminine. The blood that delivers life is the same blood that is shed in sexual



abuse. The milk that sustains life is produced by the body whether a child is conceived by choice or by force. A new mother's emotions run the wide gamut from overwhelming joy, to emotional pain, to previously unmet fear, and to lack of control. They extend from postpartum depression to baby blues. The experience is nothing like anything I have ever felt before or after, a paradigm shift in life. The deep and painful multiplicity of new motherhood is often summed up in perfectly constructed highlight reel photographs on baby announcements. In this painting, I depict Sarah putting up a front of pure joy. It's honest, but it's only one small sliver of the real story.

As women we stand at once in vulnerability and beauty, in strength and love, in pain and joy. The moments of our lives envision God's grace in deep complexity.-HG