



January 30, 2022

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!

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Please note that this service is being livestreamed on our website and Facebook page, and the recording will be posted to our [YouTube](#) channel.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

**Let those who are able stand at this sign.*

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"Blessed Assurance"

Phoebe P. Knapp; arr. Brent Olstad

THE INTROIT

"Shout with Joy to the Lord"

Robert Nicholls

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands. Lift up your voice, give thanks, and sing.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One From the very beginning, God calls us.

All **God sets us apart with a meaning and purpose.**

One We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

All **But God reassures us in many and various ways
through the course of our days.**

One Even as we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

All **God is with us and sustains us.**

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 401**

"Here In This Place"

Gather Us In/Marty Haugen

Marty Haugen

**Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreaming brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away;
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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***THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

**God, our Deliverer,
we confess that we are too reluctant
to speak and to live according to your truth.
We grow comfortable with the way things are,
passively condoning injustice.
We see ourselves as "insiders," excluding those we consider "outsiders."
We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow,
than to build and to plant.
Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples.
Empty us of fear and shame,
and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind.
We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself,
Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

***THE SILENT CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

Gloria Patri/Henry W. Greatorex

Trad. Liturgical Text

**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.**

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Concerns of the Church

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE PSALM FOR THE DAY

Psalm 71:1-6

One In Judah God is known, his name is great in Israel.
All **His abode has been established in Salem, his dwelling place in Zion.**
One There he broke the flashing arrows,
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war.
All **Glorious are you, more majestic than the everlasting mountains.**
One The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil; they sank into sleep;
none of the troops was able to lift a hand.
All **At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse lay stunned.**

THE ANTHEM

"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal"

Invitation/arr. Alice Parker

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb! Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I Am!
And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away.
Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.*

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

THE SERMON

"Good Trouble"

Kevin Scott Fleming

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

Foundation/ American Folk Melody

"K" in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns*

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

The Sentences of Scripture

The Statement on Ordination

The Presentation of the Candidates

The Profession of Faith

*The Affirmation of Faith

One Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

All **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

One Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

One Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Constitutional Questions

The Prayer of Ordination and Installation

The Declaration of Ordination and Installation

The Welcome

THE RECOGNITION OF PAST SERVICE

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

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The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Old Hundredth
Thomas Ken*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Prayer of Dedication

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns
The Spoken Prayers
The Silent Prayers
The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**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.**

WE DISPERSE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 295

Sine Nomine/Ralph Vaughan Williams
Sylvia G. Dunstan

"Go to the World!"

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray: the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace, Amen.

*THE POSTLUDE

"Idylle" Op. 179

Mélanie Bonis

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Rev. Kevin Scott Fleming
Liturgist Kate McKinney
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Flute Choir of First Presbyterian Church

The flowers today are given by Pete Ruthenburg to the glory of God and in honor of his wife, Mary's, birthday.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

First Pres is grateful to be able to continue **in-person worship**. If you're joining us in-person, please wear a mask, use sanitizer, and maintain social distancing. We ask everyone to wear masks so that those who are unable to be vaccinated are protected while we are together.

All are welcome to add to the beauty of our Sunday worship by providing **flowers** to be displayed at that day's service. They may be fresh flowers or silk/faux arrangements, and can be ordered by the donor or the church office. To see a list of available dates and choose one to provide flowers for, fill out this [online form](#), or call the church office. Thank you!

Church Office Administrator Lora Blaylock will be **out of the office** Wednesday, February 2, through Friday February 4. Please call ahead if you need to visit the church building during this time.

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Ronda Hurt

Sunday, January 30

Daily Reading: Psalm 66

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 1:30 p.m. Bible Bunch (online)
- 6:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, January 31

Daily Reading: Mark 7:24-37

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 1

Daily Reading: Mark 8:1-10

- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teen Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Handbells and Handchimes
- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 2

Daily Reading: Mark 8:11-26

Thursday, February 3

Daily Reading: Mark 8:27-9:1

- 4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
- 4:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 4

Daily Reading: Mark 9:2-13

Saturday, February 5

Daily Reading: Mark 9:14-29



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