



January 15, 2023

The Second 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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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE PRELUDE

"Christ, Our Lord, Came to the Jordan" (BWV 684)

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE INTROIT

"Take Me to the Water"

African American Spiritual

Take me to the water to be baptized.

I love Jesus, yes, I do. He's my Savior, yes, he is.

Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

All **In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

One God caused the waters to part so that Israel
could cross from slavery to liberation.

All **God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.**

One Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

All **Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman,
the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

One Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

All **God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!**

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 484**

"Out of Deep, Unordered Water"

Rustington; C. Hubert H. Parry

Fred Kaan

**Out of deep, unordered water God created light and land,
world of bird and beast and, later, in God's image, woman, man.
There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.**

**Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God,
is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road.
There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.**

**Standing round the font reminds us of the Hebrews' climb ashore.
Life is hallowed by the knowledge God has been this way before.
There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.**

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***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting.
Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see,
that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**One God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.
All Thanks be to God!**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 482, verse 1**

"Baptized in Water"

Bunessan; Gaelic melody

Michael J. Saward

**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.**

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THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Announcements

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 49:1-7

**Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."**

But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God."
And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength -
he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 40:1-11

One I waited patiently upon you, O Lord; you stooped to me and heard my cry.

All **You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
you set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

One You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

All **Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

One Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
How great your wonders and your plans for us! There is none who can be compared with you.

All **Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
But they are more than I can count.**

One In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you);

All **burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, "Behold, I come.**

One In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:

I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."

All **I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.**

One Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

All **You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

THE ANTHEM

"Listen Sweet Dove"

Katie Burk

*Listen, sweet dove unto my song, and spread Thy golden wings in me;
hatching my tender heart so long, till it get wing and fly away with thee.
The sun which once did shine alone hung down his head and wisht for night;
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one going about the world and giving light.
Such glorious gifts Thou didst bestow, that earth did like a heaven appear,
the stars were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here.
Lord, though we change, Thou art the same sweet God of love and Light;
restore this day, for Thy great Name, unto its ancient and miraculous light. - George Herbert*

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Following the Children's Moment, those in PreK through 5th grades may go to Sunday School. Parents may pick up their children after worship from Room 104 in the education wing.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

One The Gospel of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Jerusha Van Camp

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 96

Winchester New; Musikalisches Handbuch
Charles Coffin

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**

**We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.**

**Stretch forth your hand; our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.**

*THE PROFESSION OF OUR CHURCH'S FAITH *(in unison)*

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

- from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

Envelopes are available in the pew rack, or you may give online at firstpresevanosville.com/giving

"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

West Main; John D. Horman

*Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave, but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.
Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn; It seemed the sky so open revealed by the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice: "You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice."
We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place. We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard: "You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."*

- Sylvia G. Dunstan; ©1989 Hope Publishing Co.

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

Old Hundredth

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Thomas Ken

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly 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 SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*THE CLOSING HYMN. . . no. 320

Wareham; William Knapp

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

Fred Pratt Green

**The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.**

**We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.**

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*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Send Me” from In the Year King Uzziah Died

Here am I, send me.

Rachel Aarons

- Isaiah 6:8

THE POSTLUDE

“Paean”

Herbert Howells

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Anna von Winckler
Pastoral Intern Jerusha Van Camp
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The First Pres Session continues to monitor local pandemic conditions and modify our **COVID safety protocols** as conditions warrant. **The current CDC Level is Yellow/Medium**; please continue to practice good public health.

Our **One God, One Community** family is growing! Memorial Baptist Church has joined the OGOE partnership and will host the first event of this year. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration will take place **tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church** (Canal and Walnut Streets). Mark your calendar and plan to welcome our new OGOE partner congregation.

Thank you to **Anne** Asbury and her many “elves” for decorating and un-decorating our building over the holiday season. Your gifts of time, effort, and creativity enhanced our worship and fellowship times with beauty over the past month.

We have new **build dates** for the Interfaith Habitat Home! Mark your calendars for **February 4 and 5** and visit Habitat’s [website](#) for details on what activities are happening that weekend and to sign up to work.

Families of PreK-grade 5 children are encouraged to attend brief a **Sunday School meet-and-greet** session. You have two opportunities to meet other Sunday School families and teachers: **Sunday, January 22 and February 12**, both at **11:30 a.m.** in room 104 of the Education wing.

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, you can follow the link in the article [“Flowers for Worship”](#) on the church website, or call the church office. Thank you!

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Mark Fox

Sunday, January 15

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:30 a.m. Music Support Committee
5:30 p.m. First Light
6:30 p.m. One God, One Community
at Memorial Baptist Church

Monday, January 16

Tuesday, January 17

3:45 p.m. Choir Teens
4:45 p.m. Handbells/Handchimes
6:00 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 18

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Worship and Music Committee
7:00 p.m. Education Committee

Thursday, January 19

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

Friday, January 20

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 21