

First Presbyterian Church

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10:30 A.M

PRELUDE –

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *--- Psalm 99*

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name-- he is holy.

The King is mighty, he loves justice-- you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them.

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds. Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

***INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)**

O God, open our hearts that this year our hearts will overflow with love for you and those around us. O Lord Jesus, as we marvel over all that you are doing, may our praise to you spring forth from our lips. In this time of waiting for your return, let true worship begin with the joy in our hearts. **Amen.**

***HYMN “Come, Thou Almighty King” #8 GREEN**

1 Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy Name to sing; help us to praise.
Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2 Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3 Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

4 To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore;
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O God, our actions in going our own way astound those who see it.

In our arrogance we have committed two wrongs.

We have rejected you the fountain of life giving water and dug cisterns for ourselves,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Yet your mercy and grace is available to us if only we ask. So hear now our confession.

(Based on Jeremiah 2:12)

(Time of silent personal confession)

O Jesus,

Forgive my sins.

Forgive the sins that I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten.

Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted.

Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.

Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works.

Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself.

Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided.

Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown to myself.

Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole.

Early Irish

Hear the good news of God's amazing grace. In Christ we are loved and made new.

Therefore, rejoice because we are forgiven through God's grace!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

***HYMN "Open Our Eyes, Lord"**

#633 GREEN

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,

To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

MESSAGE "Our Father's Business"

***HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

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1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit, I us find the promised rest;

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostle's Creed" PAGE 14 BLUE

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

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.***

***HYMN “Two Thousand Years Since Bethlehem” Insert**

1 Two thousand years since Bethlehem first welcomed Jesus' birth:
The startling truth began to dawn that God had come to earth.
And as he grew and lived and taught a different way unfurled:
A way of joy and love and peace, a new start for the world!

2 Two thousand years since Galilee where Jesus preached and healed;
In words of truth and works of power God's kingdom was revealed.
As young and old and rich and poor responded to his call,
They found what we may find today: a new start for us all!

3 Two thousand years since Calvary, the hill where Jesus died;
The Lamb of God, the sinless one, for me was crucified.
But soon he rose up from the grave to reign in victory;
Good news I scarcely can believe; a new start won for me!

4 Two thousand years since Pentecost: the Holy Spirit came
In sound of mighty, rushing wind and tongues of living flame;
A gift to all who will believe and live the Jesus way;
The power of God we may receive, a new start from today!

5 Two thousand years of Christian faith have changed our history,
For Jesus is the Lord of time and of eternity.
For all who seek a better way, than failure, sin and pain,
Still Jesus Christ makes all things new: a chance to start again!

**CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE
BENEDICTION**

O LORD God, you deserve praise forevermore!

O LORD, you are great, mighty, and majestic.

You are magnificent in everything you do.

You are glorious in your splendor, and sovereign over all the sky and earth!

You have dominion and are exalted as the ruler of all.

You are the source of wealth and honor; you govern over all creation.

You possess strength and might to magnify and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your majestic name forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE –

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Deacon of the Month:

December: Louise Rininger

Upcoming Events:

Annual General Meeting Jan. 12 Following Worship

Worship Leaders: Hannah Mergen, Jay Stoneman, and Pastor Tim Dyck.

Luke 2:39-52

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.

After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.