



## **First Presbyterian Church**

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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*Words to hymns are on the back of the bulletin*

**January 16, 2022**

**10:30 am**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites us to come—

**and drink deeply of the wells of salvation.**

God invites us to come—

**and drink lightly of the cup of celebration.**

God invites us to come—

**We come with our thanksgiving and praise, with our inadequacy and need,**

Seeking comfort for sadness, seeking a miracle for joy.

**We are welcome. We will never thirst again.**

## GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts, that you alone are Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit we pray, Amen.

**HYMN:** #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God, one another, and ourselves. Let us pray:

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.

*(brief silence)* Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.

*(brief silence)* Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.

*(brief silence)* Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life; but we refuse the struggle to know your will. We do not nurture the ways of peace. We allow enmity and hatred to grow among us, pitting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation.

*(brief silence)* Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, remember the promises you made to us in our baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, and the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! In baptism you were buried with Christ. In baptism also you were raised to life with him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Romans 6:1-11

## **SERMON**

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## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **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.**

## **CALL TO THE OFFERING**

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

## **THE OFFERTORY**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Receive, O God, the fruits of our labor and with these gifts accept the offering of our lives. Unite us with Christ that we may share in his ministry and glorify you. Amen.**

**HYMN:**      #246      *Christ Is Alive!*

## **CHARGE**

The good news of God's salvation pours down on us like fresh rains.

May we be the well that holds those waters to a world in need.

May we be the cup of cool water that is offered to those who thirst.

May we be the one who walks with another through waters because we know the One who calls us and claims us in the water.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **Hymns**

### ***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #65***

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou are mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

### ***Christ Is Alive! #246***

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.
- 3 In every insult, rift and war,  
where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

## Scripture Lessons

### Jeremiah 17:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

### Romans 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.