



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A children's nursery is available upon request. Please see an usher to assist you)

ORGAN PRELUDE

(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Come Before His Presence*

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: If you cry the cry of the brokenhearted, your God shall hear and bind you up.

**All: If we plead the plea of the outcast, our God shall hear and bring us in.
Let us rejoice, and bind up all wounds; let us rejoice, and bring all peoples
in! For the world is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, and we are God's
people together!**

****OPENING PRAYER**

One: O God, who heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds, hear us, for we lie sick with fever. We toss on our beds tormented by dreams of the night and tortured by fantasies of the day. Do not pass us by, Lord, but enter this house; come to us, take us by the hand and lift us up, that we may minister to you and the family of God. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

****HYMN 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. We trust in our own power when you promise to be our strength. We exploit the poor and weak when you promise them salvation. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to rely on you alone and to give ourselves freely for others for the sake of your good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

****KYRIE ELEISON**

Hymnal No. 576

****TIME FOR SILENCE**

(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)

****ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

****THE PEACE**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)

****GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal 581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gary Hackenburg, liturgist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:21-37

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

ANTHEM

In This Very Room

Ron & Carol Harris

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I

have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON

Previewing the Things to Come

Lay Pastor Wallace Spragins

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**HYMN 837

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnbook p. 35

CHORAL PRAYER

Hear Thou Our Prayer

GIVING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 606

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Lord see the offerings we place before you and hear the pledges of service we make in our prayers.

All: **All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN 697

Take My Life

**CHARGE AND BLESSING

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

(verse 4 only)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

WELCOME !

If this is your first time at First Presbyterian Church, we thank you for choosing to spend some time with us in worship.

If you have questions about us, or what we believe, you can talk to Rev. Sandoval after the service.

If you are just curious about us, we encourage you to take a welcome brochure with you. You can also check us out on the web at: www.fpc-rr.org.

If you feel that you have found a church home here and would like to join, that is wonderful! You can transfer your membership from another church or simply profess your faith in Jesus Christ. Talk to Reverend Sandoval after the service to make arrangements for joining.

In any event, be sure to fill out the friendship pad and include your email address. We'd love the opportunity to keep you informed about the wonderful things we are doing here at FPC.

Another story from World Concerns on how clean water effects those who do not have it:

Please give clean water to a family like Lang's!

Imagine how it must feel to know the water you're giving your children will make them sick. That's how Lang and his wife felt whenever they gave one of their six children some of the murky water they had to drink.

The water Lang's family drank was dirty and filled with disease. It made the family sick with headaches, fevers, and body aches. And it gave them stomach aches and diarrhea.

But there was no other water to drink. They needed help from someone like you.

Then everything changed for Lang's family when a generous donor gave them a water filter and they learned how to use it. For only \$39 the family was given safe, disease-free water and all the waterborne diseases they had went away.



Lang says it's changed their lives!

"The water from the filter tastes delicious — and has no dirt!" he joyfully exclaims.

When you give, you make a life-saving impact by providing clean water for families in desperate need.

You can give safe, disease-free water to a family like Lang's for only \$39. Just \$39 for a water filter that will transform a family's entire life!

Your gift directly provides safe, disease-free water for families in some of the most remote, impoverished places in the world.

Don't forget your "change" can change a life!

Please put your spare change in the water jug in the Narthex. The money will be collected and used for purchasing water filters, helping with a well or purification systems for those not as fortunate as we are.

You'll be amazed at how much your spare change can add up to be!

Help us help others with clean water!

THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2020

**Jimmy Bryant
Nancy Crowe
Mary Shelby
Wally Spragins**

Class of 2021

**Jack Kiger
Mike Knudson
Jim Small
Pet Spears**

Class of 2022

**Susan Barmer
Susan Gaylor
Gary Hackenburg
Nancy Sandoval**

WORLD MISSIONS

Our church supports the missionary work of Larry and Inge Sthreshley in the Congo, and the Rev. Donald Marsden, Frontier Fellowship.

OTHER SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday School meets at 9:45 am for adults.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The morning CIRCLE meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in the Parlor, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Loy Building. Tammy Spragins and Judith Clary are the Moderators of the Presbyterian Women.

PRESCHOOL

Our Preschool Program for two-year-olds meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am. Three-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:00 am or 12:00-2:30 pm. Twos and Threes are taught by Leesa Daughtry and Shannon Knight. Four year old classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and are taught by Susan Gaylor and Becky Faison. Classes are 8:30-11:30 am and 12:30-3:30 pm. Contact the church office for further information.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

Jim Allen and Jimmy Bryant are the Co-President's of the Presbyterian Men. Sunday morning breakfast meetings are held periodically.

CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor
Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant
Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director
Nick Stephenson, Organist/Choral Accompanist**