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

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

SIXTH 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

Hymn of Worship

Peterson

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—the path of justice and mercy

All: that draws us toward wholeness.

One: Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord—

All: teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope, and nurture generous spirits within us.

One: Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord—

All: the Fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life.

****OPENING PRAYER**

One: Divine Gardener, you give growth to our seeds and to the towering forest trees; you raise to abundant life that which seems dead. Teach us to choose blessing and life rather than death, so that we may walk blamelessly, seeking you through reconciliation with all of your children.

All: Amen.

****HYMN 321**

The Church's One Foundation

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless words that humiliate or harm? How often do we lash out in anger, when we could reach out with kindness? How often do we hurt those we love and tear away at relationships that give life? Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy, give us the grace to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness, and to work for reconciliation in our homes and our communities. Turn our hearts back to you and teach us the ways of love, so that we might hold fast to one another, and draw near to your presence.

****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

John Shives, liturgist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,

who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.

You have commanded your precepts

to be kept diligently.
O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

ANTHEM *Simple Gifts—Shaker Hymn*

John Coates, Jr., arr.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**HYMN 688 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

****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

One: We approach God in prayer not as strangers, but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus. As children of God, we pray for the church . . . Let us be rooted in the depth of your Word and watered by the gifts of your Spirit, so that we will bear the fruit of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: As children of God, we pray for the earth . . . In the land that you have given us help us to choose life and prosperity for all of the creatures you have made.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: As children of God, we pray for all nations . . . Take away the deadly curses of war, famine, poverty, and disease. Bring life and blessing to all people.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: As children of God, we pray for this community . . . Let us be reconciled to one another, seeking justice and forgiving wrong. Make us more faithful and honest in all we do.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: As children of God, we pray for loved ones . . . Give life to those who are perishing; give blessing to those who feel cursed; give comfort to those who are in pain.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Holy One, as you are well pleased with Christ, help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you. As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his will.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Child,
our Savior and Lord, saying Our Father ...

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnbook p. 35

CHORAL PRAYER

Amen

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 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

**CHARGE AND BLESSING

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

**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.

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.

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