



“Expanding God’s Kingdom of Love”
2012

First Presbyterian Church
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Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 22, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church! We are delighted to have you as part of our worshipping congregation. A couple of things that may help to make your worship experience more meaningful:

- Hymn numbers refer to the blue Presbyterian Hymnal in the pew rack.
- “Journeys in Worship” is a worship-education program for children in Kindergarten and First Grade. Children are invited to attend, following the Children’s Moment. They will return to worship during the final hymn.
- Following worship, please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall, directly behind the Chancel. Use the door on either side of the Chancel to enter Fellowship Hall.

**Let those who are able, stand at this sign.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THE PRELUDE

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Concerns of the Church

THE CHORAL INTROIT

“O Taste and See”

R. Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Come, with undivided attention, to meet God,
who calls us away from old routines.

All **Our souls wait for God in silence.**
We hope for God, our rock and our salvation.

One Come, without anxiety or fear, for God cares for all.

All **We come with devotion to our Sovereign God,**
in whom time is fulfilled and life has meaning.

One Enter the realm of God which is here and now,
as well as beyond time and place.

All **We put out our hearts before God,**
to whom we offer our worship and praise.

*THE HYMN . . . no. 457

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Toulon

***THE OPENING PRAYER**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 461** *(verse 1)*
“God Is Here!”

Abbot's Leigh

**God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 18:13-26

THE ANTHEM

“Lift Up Your Heads” from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is the King of Glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.*

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Following the Children's Moment, those in Kindergarten and First Grade are dismissed to Journeys in Worship.
They will return to the Sanctuary during the closing hymn.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:7, 11-13

THE SERMON

“A Sacred Partnership”

WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S GOODNESS

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

***THE HYMN . . . no. 343**

Beecher

“Called As Partners In Christ's Service”

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

The Sentences of Scripture
The Statement on Ordination and Installation
The Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

***The Affirmation of Faith** *(in unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

– The Apostles' Creed

The Constitutional Questions

The Prayer of Ordination

Ordained Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders

are invited to come forward and join in the laying on of hands.

The Declaration of Ordination

The Welcome and Charge

THE RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES

THE WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO RETIRING OFFICERS

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Words of Invitation

The Offertory

“Thou Art Gone Up on High” from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

*Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men;
Yea, even for Thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.*

*The Presentation of Our Offerings . . . no. 592

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication
The Offertory Response
“The Lord Now Bless”

arr. R. Nicholls

*The Lord now bless from heaven above and shine on you with radiant face;
The Lord who heaven and earth has made illumine you with peace and grace.*

THE MORNING PRAYERS

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.**

THE PEACE

One The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

WE LEAVE TO SHARE GOD’S GOODNESS

*THE HYMN . . . no. 523
“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

Bethany

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE
“Amen III”

R. Nicholls

*THE POSTLUDE

Please feel free to stay and enjoy the Postlude or leave the Sanctuary.

Leading today's service:

Pastor	Kevin Scott Fleming
Liturgist	Diane Pope
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church	
Soloist	Sarah Pearce
Sound System	Peter Rosenquist

The flowers today are given by Bob and Diane Pope to the glory of God and with thanks for their 42 years together and for their children, Sarah and Matt and Eric and Elise.

We welcome and install new leaders of the congregation today: Don Korb, Glen Ogle, and Scott Wylie as Trustees; Suzanne Aiken, Jim Edrington, and Wendy Link as Deacons; and Bill Asbury, Lisa Jones, Lynn Kyle and Lynn Richard as Elders.

First Presbyterian Church Staff:

**Pastor
Director of Music
Office Administrator
Administrative Assistant
Custodian**

**Kevin Scott Fleming
Robert Nicholls
Lora Blaylock
Edie Uhde
David Stafford**



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