



“Expanding God’s Kingdom of Love”
2012

First Presbyterian Church
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Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 5, 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 for the celebration of the Lord’s Supper.
- As part of our worship today, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Also known as Holy Communion, or the Eucharist, our table is open to all who place their trust in Jesus Christ, regardless of church affiliation. You will be served the elements in your seats by church leaders.
- 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

“This Is The Day”

C. Callahan

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One God calls us from our aimless living
from long nights of misery and hopelessness.

**All Early in the morning we seek God’s face;
in this place we listen for God’s voice.**

One God offers release from oppressive laws
and sets us free to share the gospel.

**All In the hours of this day we would live good news,
offering God’s love to all.**

One Welcome God with praise and thanksgiving,
grateful that God commissions us for service.

All We join hearts and voices as we celebrate the God of love!

***THE HYMN . . . no. 138**
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Nicaea

***THE OPENING PRAYER**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 276** (*verse 2*)
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Faithfulness

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

One Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honor the Lord with praise!

**All The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

One The Lord heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

**All The Lord counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

One Great is our Lord and mighty in power,
whose wisdom is beyond limit.

**All The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

One Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp.

**All God covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;**

One God makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve humankind.

**All God provides food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

One The Lord is not impressed by the might of a horse
and has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

**All but the Lord has pleasure in the God-fearing,
in those who await God’s gracious favor.
Hallelujah!**

THE ANTHEM

“And With His Stripes We Are Healed” from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

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 celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

THE SERMON

“Signs, Wonders, and Lots of Questions”

WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD’S GOODNESS

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

***THE HYMN . . . no. 223**

“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

Stuttgart

***THE INVITATION TO A NEW BEGINNING**

***THE PRAYER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS** *(in unison)*

Patient and loving God, we dare to come again, asking for a fresh start. Too often we have tossed and turned through nights of emptiness and awakened without hope. We have seen clouds without rejoicing over refreshing rain. We have confused freedom with license and mistaken humble service for weakness.

Heal us and lift us up, we pray. Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF A NEW BEGINNING**

***THE RESPONSE**

“We Are A New Creation” *(verse 4)*

Lancashire

**We are a new creation by God’s own gracious hand,
Old burdens cast behind us, a daring future planned.
In ministry and mission, united let us live,
In Christ a shining vision to God’s wide world to give.**

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***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(in unison)*

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

– Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Words of Invitation

The Offertory

*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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Choral Invitation

“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 Spoken Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...the prayer continues

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 Words of Institution

The Communion of the People of God

You will be served the elements in your seat by church leaders.

The Prayer After Communion

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. 256**

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

Salzburg

***THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Eightfold Amen"

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 Sue Schriber

Director of Music Robert Nicholls

The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

The First Kids Handbells, Mark Fox, Director

Sound System Leo Peyronnin

Communion Servers Bill and Anne Asbury, Joan Fedor-Bassemier, Michelle Haywood,

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