FIRST IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 17, 2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE Voluntary in D Minor

Voluntary in G Major

John Stanley

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 139

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

People: Even there your hand shall lead me.

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light around me become night,"

People: Even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

HYMN No. 485

To God Be the Glory

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We confess, O Lord, that we consider you as being distant and remote. We wonder if you truly understand what makes us tick. We forget that you know us better than we know ourselves. You formed us in our mother's wombs. You know our words before we speak them. Your love for us has no strings and is greater than we can ever comprehend. Forgive us when we doubt you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By the transforming power of God's Spirit we can

be changed. Friends, this is the good news of our

salvation:

People: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be

to God!

GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near;
When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51

SERMON

Greater Things

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE 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.

Offertory Prayer Doxology

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

HYMN No. 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION CHORAL RESPONSE

Postlude

Millennium March

Noel Rawsthorne

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner January 20, 6:00 p.m.

White Beans, Turnip Greens, Cornbread and Dessert

To make a reservation, please call the church office at (615) 444-1360 by noon on Friday, January 15.

Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive – As the NFL playoffs convene, so does our annual Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive. This drive collects food for the Wilson County Community Help Center and our goal this year is to collect 1,000 food items. You can donate your food based on the team you believe will win the Super Bowl (monetary donations are also accepted). When a team loses, their food will be given to the team to whom they lost. On Super Bowl Sunday, ONE team will claim the food drive victory. Donate food Monday through Friday during regular business hours or during Sunday worship.

NEW MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY -- As we begin the New Year, we hope you will join us Monday nights at 6pm for a Bible study titled: *Take Back Your Life*. This study will include interactive videos, engaging discussions, and weekly challenges which ask us to shift our mindset to better live into the grace and love of God.

YOUTH

Youth Group (5th -12th grade) –Youth Group will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. We will resume on January 20 with outdoor Polar Bear Games. Youth group is open to ages 10 and up.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:10 a.m. Winter Book Club

12:30 p.m. Combined Officers Meeting

Monday

6:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study with Michael

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Friday Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Pat Bone	Suanne Bone	Becky Burris
Robin Orewiler	Don Goodwin	Jessica Fain
Wayne Patton	Adrienne Johnson	Mickey Stueck
Kim Wall	David Howell	•

DIACONATE

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Sondra Bishop	Becky Harm	Jack Emmert
Marty Bone	Lee Lyle	Marilyn Peyton
Linda Gatlin	Sandra Patton	Laura Simmons
Pat Hatcher	Emily Peyton	Margaret Ann Trail

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – John Foutch
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Worship – Pat Bone

STAFF

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Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

ChildrenAdultNurseryAtypical ClassPreschool – 1st GradeCross Roads ClassElementary ClassFaith Builders ClassMiddle School ClassWestminster ClassHigh School ClassWomen's Class

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