



First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024, 11:00 AM

* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Alfred V. Fedak

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Pelren, Liturgist

ONE: With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

ALL: Great are the works of the Lord!

ONE: We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

ALL: God's righteousness endures forever.

ONE: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

ALL: Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#611

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, saying...

ALL: You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you. Forgive us when we fail; open our hearts and minds to your teachings. You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends. You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit, but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God. You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise, but we consider no creatures but ourselves and wound your earth by our sin. Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness, show us how to share it with one another. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

#575

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise up to fly like eagles, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#581

**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!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Katie Ory

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15–20

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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ONE: A new teaching, with authority!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: By God's Hand

Joel Raney

Morning light upon the earth, dawning day, creation's birth—
All around us life is growing;
The wonder of nature the hand of God is showing.
By God's hand all things are made; By God's hand his glory is displayed:
Every mountain, every tree, all that is and is to be,
Designed and created for his plan, by God's own hand.
With those hands he guides our way, leads us homeward when we stray.
And we know his loving kindness
Directs all our footsteps and saves us from our blindness.
Who can build a mighty mountain? Overflow the sea with life?
Fill every river, every fountain?
Who floods the universe with his eternal light?

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 1:21-28

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SERMON:

Rev. Michael McLaughlin

SERMON HYMN

We Are One in the Spirit

#300

*COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967, 9.08

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. Amen.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

#306

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE: ... To you, O God, we cry;

ALL: be gracious to us.

ALL: 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.

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

Elders: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré
Deacons: Michelle Doré, Diana Dugle,
Michelle Fields, Stacey Trent

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

Peace to My Soul

William Barnett

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

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

#606

Praise

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING:

Be Thou My Vision

#450

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postludium

Ernö von Dohnányi

REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY CALENDAR

- **Religion and Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am, in Room 6 and on Zoom.
- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study.** 10am-10:45am, in the Library.
- **Nursery** - 10:45am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children’s Church** - 11:15am, in Room 16
- **Youth Group** - Sundays 5-7pm, in Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY CALENDAR

- **Wednesday Night Gathering**– 5:15pm dinner, 6pm lesson/activities begin.
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

BIRTHDAYS:

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| GLASGOW, Diane | 01/05 | HAYES, Ted | 01/26 |
| WOODS, Ethan | 01/08 | WILHELM, Matthew | 01/28 |
| FIELDS, Michelle | 01/13 | PELREN, Sarah | 01/31 |
| SAMON, Jerry | 01/22 | | |

STAFF:

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| The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin..... | Lead Pastor |
| The Rev. Katie Ory..... | Dir. TTU PSA, Dir. Children & Youth Ministry |
| Paul Thurmond..... | Director of Music |
| Virginia Fillers..... | SoulSong Coordinator |
| Amy Ainsley..... | Administrative Assistant |

ELDERS:

2024: Beverly Cardinal, Pat Wilhelm
2025: Dina Smith, Rick Woods
2026: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré

DEACONS:

2024: Sam Glasgow, Sidonie Sansom
2025: Ginny Butler, Chris McCormick, Erica Scott
2026: Michelle Doré, Diana Dugle, Michelle Fields, Stacey Trent

CLERK OF SESSION: Marilyn Ledbetter-Interim

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIANS: True McLaughlin