

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2025



Wedding Feast, John August Swanson

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please join in reading aloud those parts of the service printed in bold.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us prepare our hearts to worship God.

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

A Canon of Peace

Maurice Draughn (b. 1979)

Grace Wepner Ludtke, harp

CALL TO WORSHIP

-from Psalm 36

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
your ordinances are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike.**

O Lord, how precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Let us worship God.

When this symbol () precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

High from the Heavens, Eternal God

TRURO

1. High in the heavens, e - ter - nal God, your good - ness
2. For - ev - er firm your jus - tice stands, as moun - tains
3. From the pro - vi - sions of your house we shall be
4. Life, like a foun - tain, rich and free, springs from the

in full glo - ry shines: your truth shall break through
their foun - da - tions keep; wise are the won - ders
fed with sweet re - past; there mer - cy like a
pres - ence of the Lord, and in your light our

ev - ery cloud that veils and dark - ens your de - signs.
of your hands; your judg - ments are a might - y deep.
riv - er flows and brings sal - va - tion to our taste.
souls shall see the glo - ries prom - ised in your word.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Living God, you offer us grace upon grace,
abundance beyond our imaginations,
and wondrous gifts, not only of provision, but also of joy.
You bless our common life and refresh us with all that gladdens our hearts.
We are sorry that we trade anxiety and fear for your peace and promises,
that we choose to see what we don't have,
rather than trusting and welcoming your steadfast care and love.
Forgive us when we are short on patience,
compassion and hope when you welcome us to the marriage feast of the Lamb
and shower us with your rivers of delight.
Lord, crown us with your love, and lead us to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy.
Be the center of all we are and the light by which we walk,
through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen

*We lay before God
our own sins,
the sins and
brokenness of
our fellow
worshippers,
the church
universal,
and the world.*

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Forgive Our Sins

DETROIT

"For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us Lord, to pray,
But You a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots,
as found at Hymn No. 444

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The astoundingly
good news of our
reconciliation to
God through Jesus
Christ frees our
tongues to sing
mighty praise to
God.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*We exchange
reconciling words
and gestures
among the people
of God.*

*PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

STORY TELLING

*We listen for what
God is saying to
God's people
through scripture,
song, and sermon.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 847
Pew Bible, page 692*

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Arise, Shine, People of God

James Biery (b. 1956)

*Chancel Choir
Grace Wepner Ludtke, harp*

*Rise up in splendor, shine, O people of God,
for your Light is now among you!*

I will robe you in joyfulness, in vesture of light I will veil you,
clothe you in a garment spun of justice,
in truth beyond all time, beyond all ages.

I will shine forth my light eternally all of my people, a beacon
for ages without ending, and forever.

SECOND READING: John 2:1-11

Large Print Pew Bible, page 113

Pew Bible, page 93

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Let it Shine through the River of Your Delight

Rev. Lisa Mullen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE— NO. 292

As the Wind Song

WAIRUA TAPU

Our response to hearing God's Word includes singing and saying what we believe.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

- *The Iona Creed*

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.
We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven,
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,
and His kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of all resurrection and of eternal life.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God of grace, bless us with peace.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Come, Join in Cana's Feast

Sally Ann Morris (b. 1953)

Chancel Choir

Come, join in Cana's feast where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste the wine his hands have blessed.
The old wine now is gone from jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy the yearning, thirsting heart.
But Christ, the Word made flesh, bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again with grace and truth divine.
Come, friends, and share the feast; here drink the wine supplied
by him who is both guest and host; for us, the crucified.
For now he lives and reigns through all eternity
with Father, Spirit, three in one, the glorious Trinity.

-Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a -bove, ye heaven-ly
host; Praise Fa -ther, Son, and Ho -ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN — NO. 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

WEISSE FLAGGEN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Allegro from *Concerto in D Major*

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Grace Wepner Ludtke, harp

James Lunde, D. Min., Senior Pastor and Head of Staff

Lisa Mullen, M. Div., Parish Associate

John W. Johnson, M. Div., Parish Associate for Communications

J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster

Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A., C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education

*God blesses and
sends us in mission
to the world.*

*All are invited to
remain seated for
the voluntary. If
you must leave,
please do so
quietly.*

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. Please take a moment to sign our friendship register when it is passed to you. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by way of the friendship register, or by speaking to one of our ministers. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to pick up a copy today in the narthex and then contact the church office at 336-228-1703 to be added to the weekly email list.

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE: *Boxcast* will stream to our website and Facebook page each Sunday morning. Click here to view: [on our website](#) and on [the FPC Facebook page](#).

RED ROSE is given to the glory of God in and loving honor of the birth of William Randall Kerns born on January 3 to Lowden and Brittany Kerns. Proud grandparents include Randy and Happy Kerns.

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LARGE PRINT HYMNS: Copies of today's hymns are available in the Narthex.

LITURGY FROM: Call to Worship, PCUSA

OFFERING RITUAL: In the pew racks you will find "Offering Ritual" cards. The giving of our offerings and ourselves is vital part of worship in which we express our gratitude for God's blessings. The passing of the offering plate is a visible demonstration of our commitment to devote our time and treasures to Christ's ministry. If you give monthly, quarterly, annually; or through stocks, credit cards, or e-giving, you may still participate in the offering ritual by placing this card in the offering plate. If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, you will find instructions on the back side of this card. Scan this QR code to access FPC's online Giving with your Smartphone. It's easy to download a QR Code reader from the App Store!

PASTOR ON-CALL INFORMATION: If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may contact the pastor on call by calling the church at 336-228-1703 and pressing 9. You will then be connected to the pastor on call.

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS is Salvation Army.

ALTERNATIVE GIVING UPDATE

Thank you so much for your generosity! Because of your big hearts, we raised \$4,633.58 for our community partners through our Alternative Giving project. Your donations make a big difference in our community. Again, thank you!

ENRICHMENT CLASS invites you to join us in Room 228 at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. January 26, February 2, 9, & 16, Paul Reeves will lead the class discussion using the resource "After Jesus Before Christianity: A Historical Exploration of the First Two Centuries of Jesus Movements" by Erin Vearncombe, Brandon Scott, Hal Taussig, and The Westar Institute, and with Forward by Sue Monk Kidd.

JOIN THE PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) RESPONSE TO WILDFIRES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Our hearts are breaking for our neighbors in California who have lost homes, loved ones, businesses, and churches to the wildfires. Here is a way that you can help. Give to PDA and designate your funds to go to the Southern California Wildfires.

To give online <https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster/southern-california-wildfires>

To send a check - be sure to memo or include a note DR000165- U.S. Wildfires

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RECORDED BIBLE STUDIES Did you know we have recorded Bible studies from 2020 to present? Perhaps you are not able to attend a Bible study in person, or you want to take a peek at a study that was done by Jim Pace, Ed Moore, or Ron Shive? Contact our Director of Christian Formation (callbright@fpcburlington.org or 336-228-1703 x 223) to find out more or request a link to view the recordings.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship—ShiveHall
5:00 p.m. MLK Worship Service—First Baptist Church, 508 Apple Street

Monday, January 20—FPC and CDC Facilities Closed

Tuesday, January 21

- 6:45 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Room 203

Wednesday, January 22

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
Noon FPC Staff to Lunch with the Residents of The Village at Brookwood
2:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting – Room 201
6:00 p.m. Youth Game Night – Room 401
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23

- 6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets – Room 201
Noon FPC Staff to Lunch with the Residents of Twin Lakes Community

Friday, January 24

- 7:00 p.m. *Take Root* Pizza Party – Ryan and Ashley Moffitt's home



Moment's Meditation

Our theology must become biography.

Tim Hansel