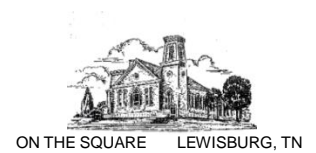


First
Presbyterian
Church



Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Epiphany

Eleven O'clock

January 14, 2024

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Let us prepare ourselves for worship

PRELUDE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

(arr. Mark Sedio)

Naphtali R. Frey, Organist & Choir Director

Robert Montgomery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Sanctuary"

Choir

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 40

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,

who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

O Lord my God, You have multiplied your wondrous deeds toward us,

You have kept us in your thoughts; None can compare with you.

Were we to proclaim and tell of all you have done for us,

they would be more than could ever be counted.

***HYMN: # 667**

"When Morning Gilds the Sky"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (RESPONSIVELY)

O Lord, you alone are God. In life and in death, we belong to you.

When we begin to think seriously about our lives, we realize how amazing it is that in this vast universe, we exist, and you take notice of each of us.

You are so faithful that we take your grace and kindness for granted,

We so often forget that every good thing we experience is because you are constantly pouring out your loving care on all your creatures each day.

But then some days, we are jolted into awareness of how crucial it is that you care about us and the earth. It is the difference between life and death.

O Lord, our God, help us to let ourselves love you more freely than ever.

Have mercy on all your creatures, O God, for without you we lose our way.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, help us to follow freely where you lead, to stay or go wherever you call us to be. Show us how to be your disciples, to treat others fairly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with you. Amen.

(Time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA PATRI**

HYMN: # 580

"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."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREPARATION TO LISTEN:

"Day by Day"

(arr. Jay Rouse)

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 139: 1-12; 17-18

(New Revised Standard Version)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,"
even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

Response after the Reading: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Just Beyond the Manger"* (Joseph Martin)

SCRIPTURE READING: **JOHN 1: 43-51** (New Revised Standard Version)

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."

SERMON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (UNISON) The Apostles Creed (Traditional)**

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.

***HYMN: # 150 "Take My Life" (vs. 1-3, 6)**

PASTORAL PRAYER, CONCLUDING WITH 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.

CALL TO SERVICE AND GENEROSITY, WITH PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you for your contributions to this church through the mail and the collection plates.

***THE DOXOLOGY HYMN: # 606**

**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.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Postlude on 'Sicilian Mariners'"* (Alfred Fedak)

On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers

Family of Jimmy Moss • Gary North • Fern Greenbank • George London • Skyler Price • Sue Hill • Verna Frey • Doris Looney • Eddie Abernathy (Marsha's brother) • Jim Goodman • Helen Goodman • Carolana Callaway • Dora Higdon • Lois Purcell • Suzanne Porter (Joe B's sister) • Deborah Hunter • Joe Henegar • Ann Floyd • Nadia (Ukraine) • Ron Hardy • Joey Wakham • Karleen Dixon • Emily McDaniel • Fred Haley • Lueshell Taylor • Ricky Sharp • Melissa McClure

January Birthdays: Denise Foster-3 • Chelsea Coble-10 • Bobby Beech-12 • Salina Moorehead-18 • Don McLain-18 • Tyler Moorehead-20 • Gail Beech-21 • Helen Goodman-25 • Currey Stewart-28 • Caitlin Crowder-29 • Lily Smith-31

January Anniversaries: Nathan & Nancy Johnson-14 • Cameron & Lee Anne Coble-23 • Jayce & Nicole Pickle - 26

Nursery Attendants Today: Love Smith & Caitlin Crowder

Nursery Attendants Next Sunday: Emma Montgomery & Caitlin Crowder

Wed PM Kids Meal this Week: Gail Beech & Jean Beech

Announcements and Reminders

Wednesday PM Classes Have Resumed! Kids classes begin at 5 PM, and the adult class will meet at 6 PM.

New Sign-Up Lists for 2024: There are sign-up lists for 2024 on the front pews:

- Wed PM Kids Meals
- Sanctuary Flowers for Sundays

A Committee of Your Choice: There is a place for you!

Building and Grounds	Finance
Christian Education	Outreach
Congregational Care	Worship

Join a Lunch/Dinner/Dessert Group! The session members will be organizing some small group times over the next few weeks to help us all get to know each other better and to spend a little time thinking about the future of our congregation. Each group will plan its own time to get together (with the session's help), whether for a lunch, or a dinner, or a dessert or whatever will allow everyone to be there. See one of the session members (names on the back of this bulletin) to sign up!

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 13 The men of the church will be providing a pancake and sausage supper on February 13, the traditional day before the start of Lent. Everyone is invited, and if you would like to join the cooking team, see Hugh Moorehead or Ken Crowder.

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- **Zoom Option 1:** Join to listen by phone (audio only)
Dial: **1 312 626 6799**
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- **Zoom Option 2:** Listen and watch via the internet by computer or smart-phone:
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You can also join via Facebook Live through our website: www.FstPreslewisburg.org