



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday January 21, 2018, 10:30 A.M.

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

\*Please stand if able

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The scripture lessons this morning describe two tales of responding to God's call. Jonah tries to avoid God and finds himself in the belly of a big fish, but leaves that fish after three days to proclaim a message of repentance to the city of Nineveh, as God had asked. In Mark, Jesus comes upon a group of fishermen, and he also calls them to leave their fish to follow him. They do, and become Jesus' disciples in proclaiming the kingdom of God. What does it mean for you to offer your life to following Christ, at any cost?

#### PRELUDE

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Johann Walther

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

(Please circulate the friendship forms found in the aisle seats.)

Rev. Robert Martin

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Wait for the Lord. Our souls wait in silent longing.

**P: God alone is our rock and our salvation!**

L: Wait for the Lord. God is our fortress against the storm.

**P: God alone is our rock and our salvation!**

L: Wait for the Lord. God is our refuge and our strength.

**P: God alone is our rock and our salvation!**

L: Let us worship God.

Robert Stewart

#### \*HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**O God of life, we thank you that you are in our work and our worship. We thank you that your Holy Spirit constantly shakes us out of complacency, questions our orthodoxy, and challenges our conformity. But we must confess there are still many ways in which we have failed to change; selfishness still wins, and divisions remain. Nevertheless, you have brought us together to be a new creation, a community marked by love, and we thank you for the ways in which this is true. So keep us aware, O God, that we can be the servant church only as long as we allow you to transform our lives. Pry open our hearts with your grace and do your work within us, and sometimes even in spite of us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

#### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news.

**P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

#### \*Gloria Patri - 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 and Amen.

#### \*Passing the Peace and Greetings

#### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Puppet Ministry

(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for music time after the Children's Moment. Younger children thru K may remain in the nursery and older children will return to the worship service.)

#### ANTHEM

Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcott

May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be ever at your back;

May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields,

And until we meet again, may God hold you ever in the palm of his hand.

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: as we hear your word today, send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 62:5-12 (pages 526, 527 in pew Bible)  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (pages 860, 861 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Stewart  
Rev. Martin

*L. This is the Word of the Lord!*

**P: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*A Whale of a Tale*

Rev. Robert Martin

## \*HYMN 282

*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

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# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Robert Martin

## OFFERING / OFFERTORY *When in the Hour of Utmost Need*

J.S. Bach

**\*Doxology - 592 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.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and those not, those deserving and those not; for in this way your love, O God, reaches all of your beloved ones. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 281

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*All Glory Be to God on High*

Georg Boehm

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*The flowers this morning are given in honor of Susan Loughridge's birthday  
by her mother, Ruth Loughridge.*

*On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.*

*Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."*

### Worshiping With Children

- \* AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children's Corner.
- \* Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- \* Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- \* Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- \* Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- \* All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children's Moment.

**REVISED COMMON  
LECTIONARY**

This lectionary provides a three-year series of readings for Sunday starting with the season of Advent, four weeks before Christmas Day. The three year cycle is split into years – A,B, and C. For each Sunday and festival, three readings and a psalm are suggested and include: a Gospel reading, an Old Testament reading, and a New Testament reading. The lectionary is a work of The Consultation on Common Texts, an ecumenical consultation of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada, who produce liturgical texts for use in common by North American Christian Churches.

Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read periodically in all three years and is especially frequent in Year B.

**Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 21, 2018, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**First Reading**                    **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**  
**Psalm**                                **Psalm 62:5-12**  
**Second Reading**                **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**  
**Gospel**                                **Mark 1:14-20**

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

29I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, 30and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, 31and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

**Gospel Mark 1:14-20**

14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." 16As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. 17And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." 18And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**Fourth Sunday Food Pantry Sunday** - Fourth Sunday of each month. Canned goods, non-perishables and monetary donations are always needed and welcomed. Use the brown envelopes on the back of the pew (check Food Pantry) for monetary donations. Food donations can be dropped off at the church or church office. Contact Dan Neason (592-2823), FPC representative, for more info.

**Trail Mix Ministry Assembly** - Snack bags are assembled the fourth Sunday of each month, 10:00-10:20 a.m. and 11:35 a.m.-Noon in Fellowship Hall. Monetary (use the brown giving envelopes and mark Trial Mix on it) and in kind donations for this ministry is appreciated.

*You can watch a  
broadcast of FPC  
Worship service on  
Athens Community  
Television.  
Schedule  
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Monday through  
Friday  
and  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday.*

Minister: Rev. Robert E. Martin  
CE Coordinator and Handbell Director: Kirsten Trachsel  
Administrative Assistant: Jane Baker  
Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart  
Organist: Janice Robison  
Choir Director: David Tadlock  
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**Deacon of the Month - Harold Robison**  
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*A friend to call in time of need*

Ushers - Helen King and Harold Robison  
Liturgist - Robert Stewart  
Chancel Prep - Mary Costello  
Acolytes - Brandon James and Andersen Trachsel  
Puppeteers - Bobbi Conliffe, Neal Nesbitt, Becky Pankratz,  
and Bob Stewart

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**Church Activities for the Week**

**SUNDAY, January 21st – Food Pantry Sunday**

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School for all ages, various rooms  
9:45 A.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room  
10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3  
10:30 A.M. - Puppets during Worship, Sanctuary  
Following Children's Moment - Children's Church,  
Classrooms  
11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3  
11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall  
11:45 A.M. - Confirmation class, lounge

**MON., 22nd - Noon - February WINDOW deadline**

Noon - Al-Anon, library  
6:00-8:30 P.M. - Calliope Choir rehearsal, fellowship hall

**TUES., 23rd** - 9:30 A.M. - Presbyterian Women's Circle meeting, home of Rita Oberholzer, 51 Eden Place (Lesson 5)

Noon - Bible Study, Library

**WED., 24th** - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library

9:30 A.M. - Presbyterian Women's Circle meeting, home of Martha Johnson, 8800 Johnson Road, 114, The Plains (Lesson 5)  
6:00 P.M. - Bell choir rehearsal, bell choir room  
7:00 P.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

**THURS., 25th** - 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - College lunch and fellowship, fellowship hall

**SAT., 26th** - Noon-5:00 P.M. - League of Women Voters meeting, fellowship hall

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**SUNDAY, January 28th** (*Annual reports in Narthex*)

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School for all ages, various rooms  
9:45 A.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room  
10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3  
10:00-10:30 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall  
10:30 A.M. - Minute for Mission and Ordination/Installation of new officers during Worship, Sanctuary  
Following Children's Moment - Children's Church, classrooms  
11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3  
11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall  
11:35 A.M.-Noon - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall

**Congregational Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 4th**  
**Following the Worship Service**

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**FPC Capital Campaign** - This month kicks off the new capital campaign to raise funds for the repair of the church elevator, a much needed renovation and repair of the organ, and continued outreach to the world in mission. Rooted in our faith, the campaign calls for vital investments in our church home, in our music ministry, and in our mission outreach. Focused on our future, the campaign aims to create a fund to provide for the needs of new generations, without compromising our endowment or our ongoing ministries and programs.

During the initial phase of this 2018-2021 campaign, you are encouraged to make an outright financial gift, or a pledge that can be paid off over a three-year period. Every congregational member will be asked to consider making a commitment to this Capital Campaign. This campaign provides an opportunity for each of member to reflect about your deepest commitments in life – to consider the place that God, God's church, and its work take in your lives. Please prayerfully consider your commitments. (Please see full article in the January newsletter - *The Window*, available on line and hard copies in narthex)

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**From Saturday Night Suppers to "In Church Progressive dinner"** - An in-church version of Saturday evening suppers, i.e. there will be groups with each person or couple bringing a salad, main dish, and dessert. Each group will have special guests, newer church members. These special guests will progress from group to group with each course, so they will be able to get to know people in three groups. This will take place on February 3rd (snow date - February 10th). All groups will gather in fellowship hall for appetizers before going to respective tables. Sign-up sheets will be in fellowship hall in early January.

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**2018 Per Capita - \$33.00** - Please consider donating the per capita assessed by the Presbyterian Church USA per member. Your donation helps stretch the FPC budget dollars. It can be mailed to the office or placed in the offering plate.

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**College Lunch New** - College lunches will move to Thursdays this coming semester. Lee Gregg is taking the lead. Wendy Toadvine will be contacting people. If you are interested in cooking, baking or volunteering - contact Lee Gregg or the church office

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**New Members** - The Outreach and Mission Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested, please come to the next meeting - February 5, at 5.15 p.m. in the library, or contact Carla Boyle for information.