



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday February 3, 2019, 10:30 A.M.  
FOURTH 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

When we stand in the light of God's goodness, we see ourselves for who we really are, including our shadows, our brokenness and our sin. We come before God in complete honesty, confessing our sins, and asking God by the grace of forgiveness, to restore what is broken.

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

The ordination and installation of new officers takes place during the service this morning. Elected by the congregation, members of the Session and the Board of Deacons serve a three year period. We pray that God will grant these gifted men and women the wisdom, energy, vision, humility, and confidence they need for their new roles.

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

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*The passage from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth is one of the most well-known passages in all of Christian scripture for its reflection on love. In writing to the Corinthians, Paul seeks to rebuke the spiritual pride of the community. The love he advocates is not a disembodied love, but a love lived out within the community and profoundly connected to the love we encounter in the cross of Christ.*

#### PRELUDE

Meditation on "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"  
Ubi Caritas (Where Charity and Love Prevail)

Gerre Hancock  
Raymond Haan

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

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

Rev. Robert Martin

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: *In Christ, we are made new*

**P: and filled with hope.**

L: *In God, we belong to a new community,*

**P: discovering we are family in Christ.**

L: *Through the Spirit, we have received a new name and a new call:*

**P: we are God's beloved sent into the world.**

L: *Let us worship God!*

Liturgist Scott Malcom

#### \*HYMN 423

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. 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 & INSTALLATION OF ELDER & DEACON

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

DECLARATION, WELCOME, AND CHARGE

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for Children's Church following the Children's Moment.)*

Kirsten Trachsel

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ above me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

## 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: send your Holy Spirit in the reading of this word to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 71:1-6 (page 532 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Malcom

I Corinthians 13:1-13 (page 175 in pew Bible)

Rev. Martin

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*Love is a Verb*

Rev. Robert Martin

### \*HYMN 335

*Though I May Speak*

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## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### MINUTE FOR MISSION (Blanket Month)

Mary Jane Black

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Martin

Choral Response

### OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Michael Burkhardt

**\*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)

**O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our brother and our Savior. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### The Invitation

#### The Great Thanksgiving

*L: The Lord be with you.*

**P: And also with you.**

*L: Lift up your hearts.*

**P: We lift them to the Lord.**

*L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*L: You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your Image and called us to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful and turned from your ways, you did not forsake us, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and sent prophets to call us back to your way. In the fullness of time you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. In him, your Word, dwelling with you from all eternity, became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld your glory. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

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

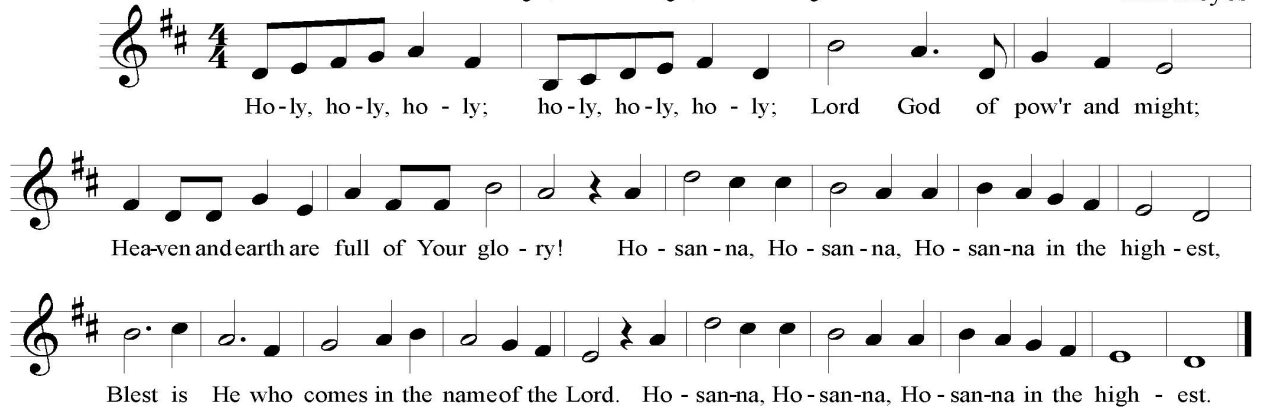
*Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."*

#### The 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 now and forever. Amen.*

# Holy, Holy, Holy

Tim Keyes



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly; ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly; Lord God of pow'r and might;  
 Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est,  
 Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \*HYMN 281

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Choral Response

## POSTLUDE

*Hornpipe*

G.F. Handel

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 TODAY Following the Worship Service  
 Annual Congregational Meeting  
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### 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.
- \* Ages Pre-K through 6th are invited to Sunday School downstairs following the children's moment.

You can watch a broadcast of FPC Worship service on Athens Community Television. Schedule

1021 on your digital box

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

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Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart

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**Deacon of the Month - Danny Moates - (740) 592-4064 - moates@ohio.edu**

*A friend to call in time of need*

Liturgist - Scott Malcom

Elder Elect - Carla Boyle

Deacon Elect - Danny Moates

Communion Preparation - Marla Longenecker and Danny Moates

Ushers - Helen King and Calista Strickmaker

Communion Servers - Harvey Ballard, Margaret Bourke, Carl Franz, Martha Johnson, Benji Martin, Andrew Stuart, and Patrick Tegge.

**Church Activities for the Week**

**SUNDAY, February 3rd - Annual Congregation Meeting Sunday**

9:00 A.M. - Women of Faith Bible Study, fellowship hall

9:45 A.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, choir room

10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3

10:30 A.M. - Communion and Minute for Mission during worship, Sanctuary

Following the 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. - Annual Congregational meeting, Sanctuary**

**MON., 4th - Noon - Al-Anon, library**

Noon-3:00 P.M. - The Gathering Place, kitchen

5:00 P.M. - Outreach and Mission Committee meeting, library

5:00-8:30 P.M. - Calliope choir rehearsal, fellowship hall

**TUES., 5th - Noon - Bible study, library**

**WED., 6th - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library**

Noon - Women of Faith Bible Study, fellowship hall

Noon-3:00 P.M. - The Gathering Place, kitchen

No Bell choir rehearsal

7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

**THURS., 7th - 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - College lunch and fellowship, kitchen and fellowship hall**

2:30-6:30 P.M. - Special Group, various rooms

**SUNDAY, February 10th 9:00 A.M. - Women of Faith Bible Study, fellowship hall**

9:00 A.M. - All Church Valentines Day breakfast, kitchen and fellowship hall

9:45 A.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, choir room

10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3

10:30 A.M. - Communion during worship, Sanctuary

Following the 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. - Earth Justice Group meeting, library

**Annual Congregational Meeting  
TODAY following the Worship Service**

**February is Blanket Month**

**2019 Per Capita...\$35.75 Per Member** - The Presbytery approved \$35.75 Per Capita for 2019. The 2019 Per Capita is based on the congregations' reported membership for December 31, 2017. Scioto Valley Presbytery's \$35.75 Per Capita for 2019 is made up of: Presbytery of Scioto Valley - \$23.55, Synod of the Covenant - \$3.25, and General Assembly - \$8.95

**Earth Justice Group "Green Tip"** - Recycling conundrums - While napkins, paper towels and tissues are paper, they should not go into recycling, but the good news is that can be composted! Athens FPC is now composting the paper towels in the bathrooms and kitchen as well as paper napkins. These paper products help provide the "brown" needed for composting.

**Women of Faith Bible Study** - The Women of Faith Bible study continues this Wednesday/Sunday studying the book "Liturgy of the Ordinary, Sacred Practices in Everyday Life" by Tish Harrison Warren. Wednesdays at Noon and Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

**Be Sure to Check Out FPC's New Church Website** - Please take the time to check out the site at [www.athensfpc.org](http://www.athensfpc.org). A note that if you have the old site bookmarked, you will need to refresh the page to pull up the new site and erase the "memory" of the old one. Here are a few of the exciting new features of this site: online calendar of events, weekly bulletin and monthly