



NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Let us stir one another up to love and good deeds" – Hebrews 10.24

Through the rich diversity of God's people, and our heritage as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) we express the faith of Christ, seeking to model in our life together the Beloved Community.

Together we are ambassadors for Christ: **joining** together to praise, **standing** together in service, **marching** together for justice, **praying** together for peace.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2016

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have seen his glory.

To all who received him,

he gave power to become children of God.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Opening Prayer

Hymn #634

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

2. Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
[Refrain]

Confession of Sin

All **Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Hymn #551

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hymn #581

Gloria Patri

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, amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7 NRSV

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they

shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-11 *NRSV*

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 NRSV

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #157

I Danced in the Morning

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Gospel

John 1:29-42 NRSV

Reader The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn #738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1. Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us give thanks to God: *or* Let us pray to the Lord:
We thank you, our God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Minister The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Offering

Hymn #606 *Doxology*

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

Minister Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

Minister The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Hymn #552

Sanctus and Benedictus

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Hymn #600

Amen

Hymn #464

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed a-be thy name!
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, Hallowed a-be thy name!
On earth as it is in heaven, Hallowed a-be thy name!
Give us this day our daily bread, Hallowed a-be thy name!
And forgive us all our debts, Hallowed a-be thy name!
As we forgive our debtors, Hallowed a-be thy name!
And lead us not into temptation, Hallowed a-be thy name!
But deliver us from evil, Hallowed a-be thy name!
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Hallowed a-be thy name!
Forever and ever. Amen. Hallowed a-be thy name!**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Hymn #503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

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Charge and Blessing

Minister The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

All **Alleluia! Amen.**

Postlude

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Announcements

Annual Meeting of the Congregation – Sunday, January 22, 2017.

Togetherness Council – Second Tuesday of even months, 10:30am. Next: February 14

Church Night Supper – Thursdays, 5:30pm, at FCC.

Recovery, Inc. – Tuesdays, 12pm. Mental Health support group @ FCC

Freedom Group – Wednesdays, 7pm. Narcotics Anonymous (NA), 12-Step support group @ FCC.

Spiritual Formation – Sundays, 9am, upstairs in the Mary/Martha Room. Class by Rev. Nathan Dannison.

Resiliency Group – Sundays, 9am, upstairs in the Youth Room. Class on resiliency by a social worker.

Bible Study – 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10am in the library @ FCC.

Study Group – Thursdays, 1pm, at Stadium Drive Apartments (4249 Lakesedge Dr).

We are reading together *The Joy of the Gospel* by Pope Francis. Copies available for \$10. See Pastor Barrett.

Potluck Lunch – January 8, immediately after worship. Downstairs dining room at FCC. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Congregational Leadership Team – Joint meeting of Session and Deacons. Third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting: January 18, 5:30pm. Potluck supper, evening prayer, business.

Morning Prayer – In the Chapel at St. Luke's Episcopal (247 W Lovell St). Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8am.

Togetherness Group – (269) 569-3826

Upcoming Activities

Date	Activity	Pickup Time
12/6	Dollar Store	12:30-1:30
12/13	Christmas Card Party	12:30-1:30
12/20	Light Tour	5:30-6:30
1/10	Old Country Buffet	10:30-11:30
1/17	Bingo	12:30-1:30
1/24	Movies	12:30-1:30
1/31	Lunch	10:30-11:30

January Birthdays: 1 – *Gabriella Barry*, 1 – *Jeff Binns*, 17 – *Renee Dejonge*, 19 – *Niko Bridges*, 20 – *Tonja Oswald*, 21 – *Gary Nelson*, 24 – *Pat Taylor*

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