



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.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

GREETING

See Ruth 2:4

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Ps. 116:12, 13

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gather Us In (#401)

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8, 9

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

See John 20:19, 21, 26

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

CANTICLE

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri
(# 581)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4 and B-flat4, and then quarter notes on C5, B-flat4, and A4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a chordal accompaniment in the right hand.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has quarter notes on G4, A4, and B-flat4, followed by a dotted half note on C5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system features a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4 and B-flat4, and then quarter notes on C5, B-flat4, and A4. The piano accompaniment remains consistent.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The final system concludes with a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4 and B-flat4, and then a dotted half note on C5. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 15

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks

desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Alleluia! (#587)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Blest Are They (#172)

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

For prayer requests:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For thanksgivings:

Let us give thanks to God.

We thank you, our God.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Heb. 13:16

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (#606)

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

See Luke 13:29 and Luke 24:30, 31

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

HYMN

What Does the Lord Require of You? (#70)

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHARGE

*See 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10;
1 Thess. 5:13–22; and 1 Peter 2:17*

BLESSING

2 Cor. 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Alleluia! Amen.

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Announcements

Congregational Leadership Team – Joint meeting of Session and Deacons. Third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting: February 15, 5:30pm. Potluck supper, evening prayer, Odd months: business; Even months: formation and fellowship.

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.

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
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
2/7	Board Games	12:30-1:30
2/14	Valentine's Day Party	12:30-1:30
2/21	Kellogg Manor Tour	12:30-1:30
2/28	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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