

Prayers and Praises

Prayers for communities who have been affected by destructive fires and tornadoes.

As we enjoy the warmth and safety of our home, let us be aware and pray for those homeless in our community and country.

Gary Grasse	Pastor Dan Schultz and family
Pete Radlund	Arnold Leestma
Jessica Burmeister	Ruth Smith
Bonnie Hughes	Lincoln Deanovich
Pedro Arellano	Jesse Fisher
Ollive Block	Silas Willey
Wendy Wilcox	Jane Devine
Pam Coburn	Jerry and Mary Heider
Joyce Jones	Chastity Geisthardt
Pat Dilling	Joan Steininger
Gib Dilling	

Who We Are

Christians – Serving, Learning and Loving

At First Presbyterian Church, we're here to share the love of Jesus with everyone. Every person has a name, every name has a story and every story matters to Jesus. We're here to help you develop a deeper connection with God. We're here to help you take the next step in developing your faith.

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In-Person Bulletin for Worship

January 16, 2022

9:00 am Service

(* = please stand as you are able)

Prelude "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*arranged by Douglas E. Wagner
arranged by Sandra W. Jarrell*

Announcements

John Neville

Lit candle is brought in reminding us of Christ in our Midst.

***Call to Worship**

John Neville

God, stretching to the heavens—

God, lofty like the clouds—

God, mighty like the mountains—

God, immense like the great deep—

your salvation is expansive and generous,
touching people and creatures alike.

We rejoice in the measures of your steadfast love!

***Opening Hymn: #276 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" vs 1 & 3**

***Prayer of Adoration**

Gracious and loving God,
source of all wholeness, forgiveness, and mercy,
may your Spirit heal those who are torn,
mend those who are broken,
and protect those who are fragile.
Enable us, O God, through the gift of your steadfast love,
to remember who we are and whose we are.
In your love, may we be true and faithful disciples
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

***Call to Confession**

Who among us has not been enticed
and led astray by idols?
All of us come with need to confess.
Let us do so with trust in God's endless desire to forgive.

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we need a miracle today.

Like Jesus changing water into wine

at the wedding feast in Cana,

we need a miracle today.

We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world.

We are discouraged

in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference.

We need a miracle today, Lord.

Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain,

will not be moved.

Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds,

cannot be counted.

Your glory, like a mighty torch,

will not be put out.

Lord, crown us with your love.

Show us your glory,

that in you we may be moved

to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy.

Lord, we need a miracle today. Amen.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

***Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness**

God has lifted you up from all that has pushed you down.

Gone are old names of derision:

Forsaken, Desolate, Loser, Nobody.

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit,

God calls you by new names:

Wise, Knowing, Faithful,

Healer, Prophet, Mystic.

Hear, believe, and trust your new name:

In Jesus Christ, my name is Forgiven.

***Glory to God Hymnal #579** "Glory Be to the Father"

(please be seated for the reading)

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11 (Common English Bible translation)

² On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and ² Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. ³ When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

⁴ Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."

⁵ His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. ⁹ The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Message: "Abundant Grace...Enough for All...with Some to Spare"

Pastor Mary Balson

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" vs. 1 & 3

The Offering

Offering: "Faithfulness"

arranged by J. Bert Carlson

*Offertory #592 "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Dedication / Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "God of Grace" (Cwm Rhondda)

arranged by Paul Manz