

## 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.

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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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### January 23, 2022, 9:00 am Service

(\* = please stand as you are able)

#### Prelude

#### Announcements

*Carol Wetzel*

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

#### \*Call to Worship

*Carol Wetzel*

God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

**Earth below receives the good news with great joy.**

The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

**By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.**

Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

**Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. AMEN.**

#### \*Opening Hymn: #332 "Live into Hope" vs 1 &4

#### \*Prayer of Adoration

Leading and Guiding God, you have opened the doors to us for true service.

We are encouraged to become involved in ministries of peace and justice

The light of promise is reflected in your Spirit which rests in each one of us.

Get us ready to serve you. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would have us do. **AMEN.**

#### \*Call to Confession

Turning to God and following the light of Christ,

let us in faith confess our sin and the sins of the world.

#### \*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,**

**we confess that we have wandered from your light.**

**We follow paths of self-indulgence,**

**instead of focusing on our need of you.**

**We passively accept the suffering of the world,**

**expecting others to stand up**

**and work for the change we would like to see.**

**Lord, in your strength,**

**renew us and compel us by your invitation**

**that we may work**

**to pursue your justice and mercy for all people,**

**sharing your light in ways great and small. Amen.**

*Take a few moments for your own silent confession*

**\*Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness**

Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us.

We have been freed from our fears and doubts.

Rejoice, dear fiends! In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven and healed.

**AMEN.**

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

**Luke 15:11-31**

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

**1 John 4:7 & 19-21**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Message: "A Divided House"**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

*Pastor Paul Zoschke*

**Song: "We are One in the Spirit" vs 1 & 3**

We are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other;  
we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other;  
we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity  
and save human pride:

And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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**The Offering**

Offering:

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

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

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**