

January 22, 2023: 9:00 am
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather Together

Prelude “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

arr. Dale Wood

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship** (Isaiah 9, Psalm 27, Matthew 4)

Jolene Schry

To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

**To those who dwell in gloom and despair,
God’s glorious presence has appeared.**

God is indeed our light and our salvation.

**We will follow, unafraid,
where God and Jesus lead us.**

Let us worship our God of light and promise.

Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

***Prayer** (Isaiah 9, Psalm 27, Matthew 4)

God of light and love, we come this morning
with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory.

We have become so accustomed to the darkness,
that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us.

Open our eyes to the light of your dawn,
that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy.

Open our hearts to receive your message
of comfort and peace and security,
that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence.
Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us,
that we may lead lives committed to your Way. **Amen.**

***Hymn PH 461** "God is Here!"

Cheryl Clarenbach, cantor

***Call to Confession**

Christ calls us to follow, knowing that we are human.
Jesus knows we are not perfect.
He knows we will not always get it right.
All he asks is that we try, learn, and try again.
Let us go to God, telling how we have tried and failed,
that God may teach us what we must learn.

***Confession (unison)**

**Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people,
but we are hesitant to leave our boats.
We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard,
believing they make us secure.
We are afraid to put our trust in you,
afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.
Forgive us.
Transform our fear into faithfulness,
and enable us to walk with you,
that we may be part of your work in the world.**

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us.
Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve,

let us answer Christ's call.

Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us.

Thanks be to God!

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with! **And also, with you!**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)

***Hymn PH 581 "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-12

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Jolene Schry

Pastor Dave Colby

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

***Hymn PH 422 "God, Whose Giving Knows no Ending"**

Sermon "Good News Is Near"

Pastor Dave Colby

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

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.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Offering “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” *arr. Don Hustad*

Offertory PH 558 “Come, Sing a Song of Harvest“ vs 1&3

***Offertory Prayer** (Isaiah 9, Matthew 4)

O God, we have seen your glory,
felt the touch of your love,
and felt your presence with us.
With joyful hearts,
we offer you our gifts.
Having heard your call,
we offer you our lives and our service. **Amen.**

***Hymn GTG 301** “Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)”

Charge and Benediction

Let all God’s people say,
Alleluia, Amen!

***Closing Refrain PH 535** “Go with Us, Lord”

Postlude “Beach Spring” *arr. Wilbur Held*

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This Week at Church

Sunday **01.22**
9:00-10:00am Worship
Executive Presbyter Dave Colby is leading us in worship.
Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15 Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Growing Connections – Per Capita review and discussion
11:15-12:15am PYA
6:00-7:00pm Boy Scout Bylaws Committee Meeting (In-person)
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 702

Monday **01.23**
10:00-11:00am Staff Meeting
6:00-7:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday **01.25**
8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast
4:30-5:30pm Hand Bell Practice
7:00-8:00pm Confirmation with Faith Partners

Thursday **01.26**
9:00-11:00 Finance Team
10:00am Presbytery Meeting (Zoom)
(In-person at First Presbyterian – Neenah)

Saturday **01.28**
9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis (Gathering Room
9:00-3:00pm Session Training (Parlor)
9:00-4:00pm Sunset Stitches (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday **01.29**
9:00-10:00am Worship
Pastor Ken returns to lead us in worship.
Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15-11:30am Annual Meeting
11:15-12:30pm PYA
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Troop 702 Meeting

Monday **01.30**
4:00-6:00pm Loaves and Fishes

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday **02.12.2023**
Souper Bowl of Caring
Heart to Heart Luncheon

PRAYERS

Brian C.
 Gary G.
 Pat D.
 Gib D.
 Arnold L.
 Pauline W.
 Jesse F.

Silas W.
 Liam A.
 Jerry and Mary H.
 Chastity G. and Joan S.
 Jolene S. – Sister and her husband
 Lynn K. *
 Rev. Tubuwa has asked for prayers for peace in Sudan. Sudanese were attacked and villages were burned on Christmas Eve.

*Lynn is battling 2 different cancers. The treatment for the second cancer would allow the first cancer to become active again so they are not able to treat the second cancer at this time. She is an RN & grandmother of 3 and would appreciate all prayers. Lynn is a friend of Laurie Christie.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

E-Giving
 Consider giving electronically. It’s easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. Click on ‘Giving’. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God’s work.

Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
January 15,2023	96	\$1,992.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
January 15,2023		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
01/09--13/2023		\$603.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
01/09--13/2023		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		\$2,595.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
		\$48,431.97	TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND
1/15/2023	5 Households		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 01/15/2023