

## Prayers and Praises

Prayers for those who are missing loved ones.

Prayers for communities who were in the path of the storms in the Midwest and who have been affected by these destructive tornadoes. Please consider a donation to: [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) if you are able. To support the Presbyterian Church USA response, gifts can be designated to DR000015 <http://bit.ly/DR000015>.

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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

January 9, 2022

9:00 Service

(\* = please stand as you are able)

### Prelude

### Announcements

*Pete Wills*

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

### \*Call to Worship

*Pete Wills*

Our God is a God of power and strength!

**God has created each of us  
with tender care.**

Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

**God walks with each of us  
every step of the way.**

Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

**God loves each of us  
with tenderness and passion.**

Our God calls us each by name.

**God calls each of us  
to unite in worship together!**

**\*Opening Hymn: #341** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" vs 1 & 2

### \*Prayer of Adoration

Holy God of glory and majesty,  
you have called us by name.

We pray in this moment  
for the courage and the strength  
to answer your call.

As we open our ears  
to hear the story of your Son's baptism,  
open our hearts also,  
that we may experience again  
the renewing power of rebirth  
in the Holy Spirit.

Inspire us in this time of worship,  
that we may claim our own identity  
as your beloved children.

We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### \*Call to Confession

The light of Christ shines in our lives,  
even in those corners where sin lurks.

Let us seek God's forgiveness  
as we pray together.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, wondrous star,  
light no darkness can overcome,  
drive out the sin in our hearts.  
Forgive us for turning from your way,  
for denying your truth,  
for resisting the life you would have us live.  
Refresh us and restore us.  
Focus us on the brilliant light of Jesus Christ  
that we may see him more clearly  
and follow him more nearly,  
this day and every day.  
Amen**

*Take a few moments for your own silent confession*

**\*Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness**

Grace, mercy, and love—  
these are the gifts God has given us in Jesus Christ.  
This is good news!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

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

(please be seated for the readings)

**Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'

**Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

worship the Lord in holy splendour.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

<sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

<sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

**Message: "A Walk Through the Fire"**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

*Pedro Arellano*

**Hymn #492** "Baptized in Water" vs. 1 & 3

**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**