

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.

Rev. John T Frank	Arnold Leestma Ruth Smith
Gary Grasse	Lincoln Deanovich
Pete Radlund	Jesse Fisher
Jessica Burmeister	Silas Willey
Bonnie Hughes	Jane Devine
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Wendy Wilcox	Chastity Geisthardt
Joyce Jones	Joan Steininger
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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

4th Sunday of Epiphany

January 30, 2022, 9:00 am Service

(* = please stand as you are able)

Prelude “The Gift of Love”
“Though I May Speak”

arranged by John Carter
arranged by Dale Wood

Announcements

Jim Dassow

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

*Call to Worship

Jim Dassow

Come! Hear the call of God:

“Speak of me to my people.”

But we are just ordinary folks.

Who will listen?

“I will give you the words.

I will always be with you as you speak
my words of truth and justice and love.”

**We gather here to worship you,
to praise you for your loving presence,
and to be strengthened for the calling
you have given us.**

***Opening Hymn:** #343 “Called as Partners to Christ’s Service vs. 1 & 2

*Prayer of Adoration

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge,

a strong fortress, to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress. **AMEN.**

*Call to Confession

God gathers the insiders and the outsiders;
not one is beyond need of restoration.

Trusting this promise,

we surrender ourselves

in the presence of Christ and one another,

as we pray together.

***Prayer of Confession**

Generous God,

when we set our tables,

we imagine who belongs.

We are satisfied to welcome

those who we call our own.

Our boundaries are drawn for our own family,

our own congregation, our own neighborhood.

We limit the seating to those

who make us comfortable,

and lay out the welcome mat

for those who we choose to welcome.

But your kingdom has no boundary.

Before our birth you have known, loved,

and claimed each and every one.

Soften our hearts to those we rage against.

Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table.

Renew us with your abundant mercy and love,

which know no end. Amen.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

***Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness**

Jesus Christ satisfies each of our shortcomings.

It is in God we are given the full vision of love,
peace, and justice.

This good news is for you:

God claims you, Christ welcomes you,

and the Spirit draws up your seat at the welcome table.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored.

Thanks be to our God now and forever.

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

⁶Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God!

Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.'

⁷But the Lord said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.'

⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant.'

Luke 4:21-30

²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' ²⁴And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Message: "Preach"

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Dan Schultz

Hymn #335 "Though I May Speak" vs 1 & 3

The Offering

Offering: "Nachstücke (Night Pieces) – Opus 23, 4th movement

by Robert Schumann

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

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

Carol Wetzel

***Benediction**

***Postlude "O Waly Waly" (When Love is Found)**

arranged by William Beckstrand