Prayers and Praises

As we enjoy the warmth and safety of our home, let us be aware and pray for those who are homeless and for people in many places in the world forced to flee as refugees.

Gary Grasse Arnold Leestma
Pete Radlund Ruth Smith

Jessica Burmeister

Bonnie Hughes*

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Pat Dilling

Lincoln Deanovich

Jesse Fisher

Silas Willey

Jane Devine

Gib Dilling Jerry and Mary Heider
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Joan Steininger

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 February 13, 2022 9:00 am Service

(* = please stand as you are able)

Prelude Meditation/Prelude on "Resignation" "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arranged by Charles Callahan arranged by Dale Wood

Announcements *Jolene Schry*

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

*Call to Worship

Blessed are those who trust God, whose trust is the Lord.

They are like trees planted by water, sending out roots by the stream.

They have no fear of summer's heat, nor do they wither in the sun.

In the year of drought, they are not anxious, for their lives bear the fruit of righteousness.

Come to the waters of life all you who trust in the Lord. We have come to worship and to send forth our roots into streams of God's living water!

*Opening Hymn: #379 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" vs. 1 & 3

*Prayer of Adoration

God of blessings and woes,
bless us this day with lives filled with love, caring,
generosity, and deep, abiding hope.
We pray that your kingdom will dwell among all people,
and that we may be instruments of your love and your grace.
Open our hearts with the joy of healing a world filled with brokenness and pain.
In the name of the one who taught us the ways of light and love,
be in our worship and in our very lives. **Amen.**

*Call to Confession

We wander and stray, but God continues to reach out to us with mercy and love. Let us make our confession and receive God's welcome.

*Prayer of Confession Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace

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More often, though, we live as chaff,

^{*} Bonnie Hughes is continuing chemoradiation on the benign tumor in her neck. She is also undergoing physical therapy for her neck. She is in good spirits and doing well.

^{**}Margaret Luby passed away on February 8. Her service will be held at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel on February 14.

blown here and there by the winds of circumstance.
Forgive our lack of permanency
and our failures to hold fast to our commitments.
Grow in us faith that we might be firmly planted in your promises,
released from sin, and open to the life you have shown us in
Jesus Christ.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

*Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

The waters of grace refresh our lives and bring forth a new creation. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Blessing of Gifts for College Students

Introduction: Jennifer Zander, DCE Prayer/blessing: Pastor Paul Zoschke

Isaiah: 64: 4-9

⁴ From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.

⁵ You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷ There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸ Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Colossians 2:6-15, 20

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world?

John 10:1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Message: The Good Lord and My Neighbor" **Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Paul Zoschke

Hymn #540 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" vs. 1 & 3

The Offering

Offering: "The Solid Rock"

arranged by Sandra W. Jarrell

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

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

*Benediction

*Postlude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

arranged by Robert A. Hobby