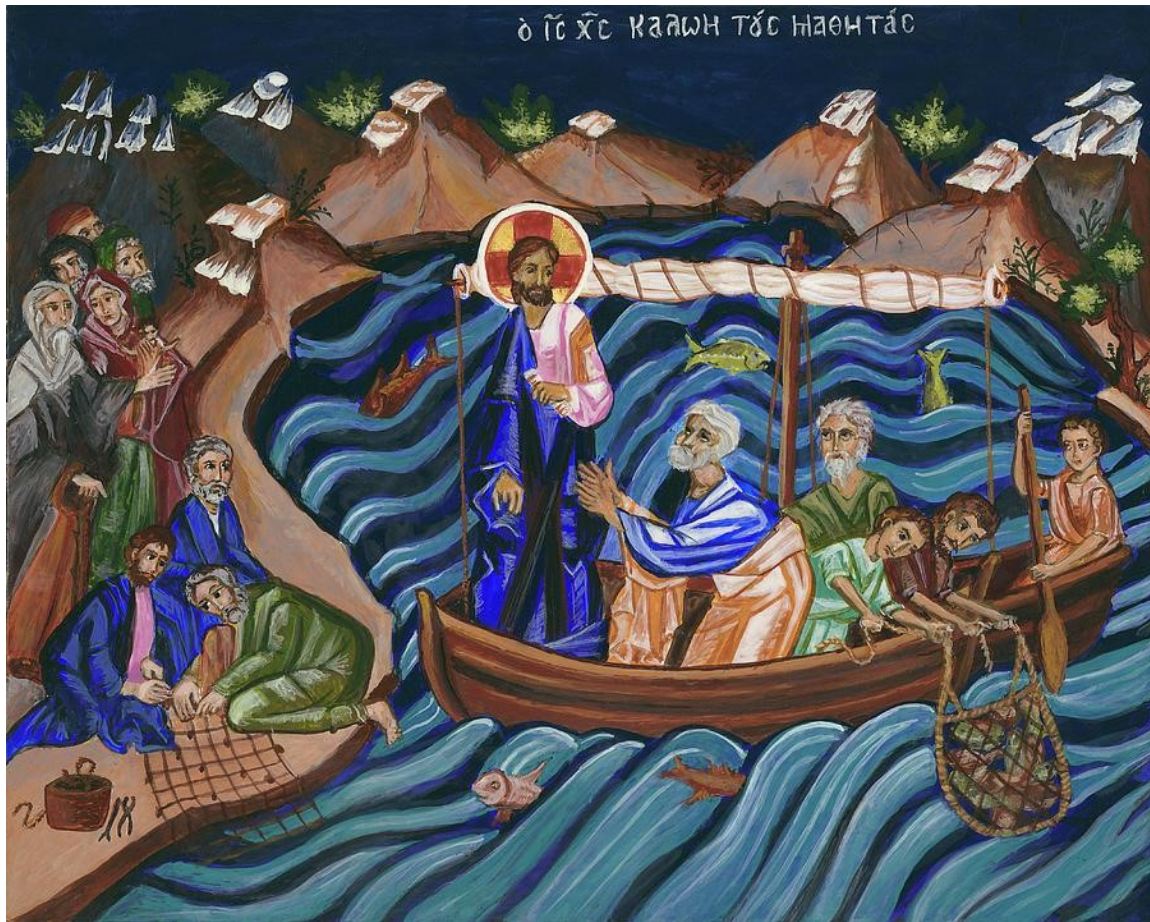


Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



JANUARY 24, 2021

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First Presbyterian Church
January 24, 2021
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

*For everyone's safety,
please wear masks and maintain
social distancing at all times.*

Prelude: The Solid Rock of Ages

*- T. Hastings, 1830/ W.B. Bradbury, 1863/
E.L. Ashford, 1901/ R. H. Wyatt, 2017*

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you!**

Opening Sentences

One: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
All: **my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.**

Call to Worship

One: From God comes my salvation.
All: **For God alone my soul waits in silence.**
One: God alone is my rock and my salvation.
All: **God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

All mighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.



Opening Hymn (*silently singing*): “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

No. 483

Invitation to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace,
let us pour out our hearts before God.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Forgiving God,
we repent of all the ways we turn from you.
You call, but we do not listen;
you show us your path, but we prefer our own way.
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you,
that we might show mercy to others.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison (*silently singing*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

This is the word of the Lord:
in Jesus Christ, we are transformed and given new life.

Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri (*silently singing*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Prayer of Illumination

Speak to us your word, O God,
that we may hear Jesus’ call to be his disciples. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 62:5-12

P.P. 526-527 in the Old Testament

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.
Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all
according to their work.

Anthem “Jesus Calls Us” Medley

C.F. Schneider

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:14-20

P. 35 in the New Testament

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Sermon: Christ’s Transforming Call

Rev. Jim DeMent

Mark 1:15: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Silence and stillness

Congregational Hymn (*silently singing*): “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

No. 338

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

**Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose.
We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you,
that you will transform us and make us fishers of people.**

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, all heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn (*silently singing*): "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

No. 379

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: The Heavens Declare Thy Glory

- *Ludwig Van Beethoven, 1770-1827*



We have reproduced below the lyrics of the hymns selected for this morning's worship service. All the hymns below are either in the public domain or have been reproduced, under license, from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville: 1990). If you are worshiping with us from home, we encourage you to sing along. If you are worshiping with us in the Sanctuary, we invite you to contemplate the lyrics as Robert Wyatt, our Choirmaster, plays the melodies. Under our current Health Protocols, we must refrain from singing out loud, but that does prevent us from finding comfort, hope, strength, and courage in these familiar hymns. Follow the verses in this order:

Verse 1
Verse 2

Verse 3
Verse 4

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace and joy, and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made,
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus, all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud Thy praises
That earth may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
 Support me in the whelming flood;
 When all around my soul gives way,
 He then is all my hope and stay.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
 I rest on His unchanging grace;
 In every high and stormy gale,
 My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 O, may I then in Him be found,
 Dressed in His righteousness, alone,
 Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand,
 All other ground is sinking sand.



Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Kathryn Amsler	Gloria Aouelle	Leonard “Mac” McCameron	Kathleen McCameron
Roland Merrill	Sarah Waldrop	Trey Miller (Son of James & Camille Miller)	
Nathan Galvan (Son of Leila Galvan)	Samantha Skaggs (Niece of Roxanna and Henry Hauschild)	John & Jere Swoboda (Prior FPC Members)	Carol Wisdom (Daughter of Lea Lenz)

**For caregiving concerns—please contact:
 Jack Kleinecke (361. 212.3229); or Gayla Whitaker (361. 935.0950)**

FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Sunday, January 31
 10:30 AM Worship Service

*A copy of our
 “COVID-19 Pandemic
 Public Health and Safety Protocols
 for In-Person Gatherings
 at the Church”
 can be obtained as you enter the church
 or at our website:
www.fpcofvictoria.org.*

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 John Horadam, Worship
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 Lynn McAuley, Caregiving & Fellowship
 Dawn Neel, Christian Education
 Susan Salinas, Worship
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 Gayla Whitaker, Caregiving & Fellowship
 Bonnie Wilkinson, Asst. Clerk, Mission & Outreach

Other

Paula Leske, Presbyterian Women
 Melissa Samudio, Presbyterian Day School
 Shelley Hartman, Dawn Neel, and Helen Resendez,
 Kids for Christ, Vacation Bible School
 Henry Hauschild, Historian

Bulletin Cover

The cover of our Bulletin is an acrylic painting with gold leaf accents on a wood panel. It is entitled, “Christ Calling the Disciples” (the same words which are written in Greek at the top of the painting), and it was rendered by the contemporary artist, Connie Wendleton (<https://fineartamerica.com/featured/jesus-calling-the-disciples-connie-wendleton.html>). In the manner of icons, more than one event is portrayed in the painting. For example, Jesus did not call the two pairs of brothers (Simon and Andrew; James and John) simultaneously, and the familiar story of Jesus preaching to the crowd from a boat (and the following miracle of a bountiful catch) is told in Luke 5:1-11.

Still, the portrayal of Simon and Andrew tending to their nets, and of James and John in the boat with their father and others, corresponds to our New Testament reading today. When Jesus calls, he finds us where we are and interrupts what we are doing. Christ’s call is always immediate, although our response may be evolving. Regardless, to respond to Christ’s call is to experience a life transformed.

Clergy, Music, and Administration

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor
 Robert Wyatt, Organist/Choirmaster
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