

# Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
January 16, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

**Prelude:** Morning Star

- James Proctor Harding, 1892  
arr. Thomas Chesterton, 1938

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\*Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

**Introit:** Light of The World, We Hail Thee

- John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875/  
William Walker 1809-1875

### **Call to Worship**

One: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All: **All people may take refuge in the shadow of  
God's embrace.**

One: Christ is the fountain of life

All: **In Christ we behold the Light of God.**

### **Prayer of the Day** (*unison*)

Holy God,  
through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world.  
Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform,  
that we may believe with our minds  
and trust in our hearts  
that you alone are Lord of all creation.  
Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** "To God Be the Glory"

No. 485

### **\*Invitation to Confession**

In the light of Christ,  
we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts.  
Trusting in God's saving love,  
let us confess our sin.

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**\*Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Almighty God,  
we confess that we have been led astray by the  
idols of our world.  
We have depended on our possessions  
and have not placed our trust in your grace.  
We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer  
and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.  
We have sought security in the might of the sword  
rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.  
Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

**\*Kyrie Eleison** (*unison*)

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

God has poured out his Holy Spirit upon us  
through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
so that, having been justified by grace,  
we may know salvation and  
have the hope of eternal life.  
Believe in God, Friends!  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**\*Gloria Patri** (*unison*)

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

**Prayer of Illumination**

Gracious God,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
quicken our understanding  
that we may receive the testimony of Scripture  
and believe in the signs that reveal your presence.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading:** Psalm 36:5-10

P. 510 in the Old Testament

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.  
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.  
O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

**Anthem** We Are One, In the Spirit

- Peter Scholtes, 1966

**Second Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

P.174 in the New Testament

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**Sermon:** Gifted and Talented

Rev. Jim DeMent

1 Corinthians 12:4-6: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

*Silence and stillness*

**\*Congregational Hymn** : "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

No. 316

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

At the wedding feast at Cana  
you gladdened the guests with divine generosity,  
filled to the brim and flowing over.  
We offer our gifts with grateful hearts.  
Bless them and our lives to your service,  
that they may reveal your glory,  
nurture faith, and manifest the common good.  
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Offertory:** Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

- Peter Cutts, 1969

**\*Doxology** (*unison*)

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*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:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 464

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction:** Walk in the Light

- Bernard Barton, 1784-1849  
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

**Postlude:** The Heavens Declare His Glory

- Ludwig Van Beethoven, 1770-1827

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Verse 1  
Verse 2

Verse 3  
Verse 4

**To God Be the Glory**

To God be the glory,  
Great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Great things He hath taught us,  
Great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

**Refrain:**

Oh, perfect redemption,  
The purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God.  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His Voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

**Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee,  
 God of glory , Lord of love;  
 Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
 Opening to the sun above.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
 Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
 Giver of immortal gladness,  
 Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
 Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
 Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
 Center of unbroken praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
 Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
 Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus  
 Which the morning stars began;  
 Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
 Joining all in heaven's plan.  
 Ever singing, march we onward,  
 Victors in the midst of strife,  
 Joyful music leads us sunward  
 In the triumph song of life.



**Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests**

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**FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service**

**Sunday, January 23**  
 10:30 AM Worship Service

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Lynn McAuley, Presbyterian Women  
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**Pastor’s Notes**

A contemporary photograph of the ancient ruins of Corinth appears on our bulletin cover this morning. Originally founded as a Greek city-state, Corinth was reestablished as a Roman colony by Julius Caesar in 44 B.C. Surrounded by fertile plains and blessed with natural springs, ancient Corinth thrived, and by the time of Paul’s missionary journeys, Corinth had become a thriving, multicultural city in the Roman Empire where bustling commerce created many prosperous inhabitants.

The Christian community in Corinth presented special problems for Paul, as his two known letters to the Corinthians readily attest. For the next several Sundays, we will be studying passages from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians as we consider how Paul addressed the problems of a diverse, argumentative congregation, the members of which had strong, often competing, ideas about how to practice their new-found faith in Jesus Christ. As we study Paul’s admonitions about to behave as followers of Jesus in the context of the First Century, let us open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to how those admonitions may apply to us, 2,000 years later, in the context of our modern society.

**Clergy, Music, and Administration**

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