

First Presbyterian Church

January 14, 2024 ~ 8:45 a.m. Worship

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION ~ CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP & NURTURE COMMITTEE

Richard Meyer

PRELUDE

"Crimond"

Charles Callahan

Guest pianist, Tim Hagy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is the light for all people in despair,

People: Christ is our hope.

Leader: For people who are grieving,

People: Christ is our comfort.

Leader: For people who are burdened and anxious,

People: Christ is our calm assurance.

Leader: For all people gathered here, hear the call to follow Christ and be Christ to others.

People: Christ is for us, and he is with us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 314

"Christ, Be Our Light" (vs. 1,2,5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We cover over the light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with care and concern. We fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing your outstretched hand. We forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Immanuel, which means "God with us" Shine your light on our path and walk with us through all our valleys.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE

"Hear My Prayer, Lord"

(Here I Am, Lord)

***Hear my prayer, Lord, when I call, Lord; I have tried and failed to do your will.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, forgive, and heal my sinful heart.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when we try and fail again and again, God loves us still. In the richness of God's grace, we accept the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks, because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now, let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich, because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

II Peter 1: 16-19

GOSPEL READING

John 2: 1-11

SERMON

"His Grace Never Runs Out"

Mike Shelton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2080

“All I Need Is You”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

“Great God of Every Blessing”

No. 694

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care, You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart. Your
Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In
Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2162

“Grace Alone”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“The Ash Grove”

Charles Callahan

**Those who are able please stand*

Serving Today

GUEST ORGANIST:

Tim Hagy

FLOWER DELIVERY:

Jennie Compton

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

in memory of all the FPC members that we lost in 2023.

By Mitch and Greta Robinette.
