



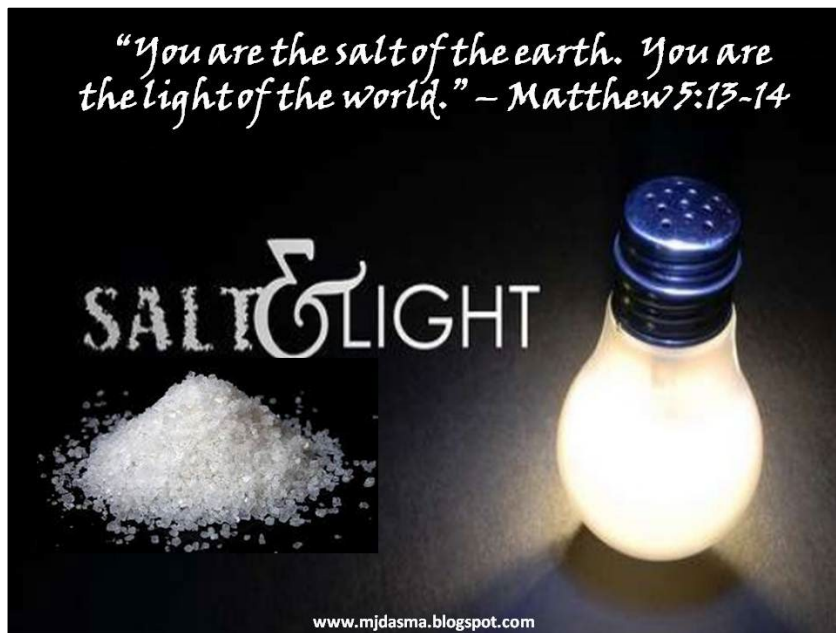
First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 5, 2023



Seeking the Faith – Sharing the Spirit – Serving God’s People

You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



Order of Worship

Prayer in Preparation

Creator of the Day, you rise before dawn to make breakfast for the poor, to water our parched hearts with the joy of grace, and to patch the potholes poverty has made in the streets of the kingdom. You proclaim the mysteries of grace, Voice of Fulfillment, not with fancy words but in weakness, which gives strength to the weary; in compassion, which offers the guest room of your heart to the homeless; in love, as you take off your coat, and place it around the shoulders of a shivering child. You speak softly, Revealer of Wonders, using the alphabet blocks of grace and hope, so all can know the hidden heart of God; so all may know the words to proclaim the Light who has come into the world. Amen.

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Leader: To a society that lives in the shadowed recesses of doubt and fear, God calls us to be light. To a world where every appetite is fed until there is no taste to life, God calls us to be salt. To a time when loyalties are discarded as easily as the clothes we wear, God calls us to be faithful.

All: Let us worship God.

**Please stand as you are able*

Call to Confession

Leader: It is so simple - make a sandwich for the hungry, open our ears to the crying child, and change unjust laws. These are how we are called to worship God. Let us confess how we have not answered this call.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: We admit, Holy One, how in superstition,
we will throw salt over our shoulders,
but find it hard to flavor a world made bland by the ordinary.
We dim our gifts to save our energy,
instead of shining as long as we can
in society's shadowed corners.
Forgive us and have mercy.
By your grace, heal our brokenness,
so we might fix the shattered dreams of our world.
This we ask in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God has heard our prayers and comes to us to sweeten our bitterness with hope - to shatter our darkness with the light of mercy.

All: Thanks be to God.

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

*Response #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Children's Sermon: This is the Salt

Prayer for Illumination

Reader: Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**



Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-9a (OT p. 688)

Anthem

Declare His Glory

John Peterson

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 5:13-20 (NT p. 4)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word

Mixed Metaphors

***Affirmation of Faith:**

(Apostles' Creed)

Leader: Together, let us confess our faith...

All: 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.

***Hymn:** #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

v. 1-2

Minute for Mission

Souper Bowl of Caring

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Like a spring whose waters never fail, God calls us to share what we have received. Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory:

***#606 Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer

Joys and Concerns *(In the bulletin, on cards, or via Zoom Chat)*

Minister: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together...

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Minister: May Christ, the true light, shine upon you,
that you may walk in righteousness all your days.

Postlude

Holy Manna

Joseph Martin

Moment for Reflection:



Worship Assistants

Pam Holt- Greeter
 Rosey Gibbs- Worship Assistant
 Jackson Love- Accompanist
 Elwood Prest- AV Tech

Jim Calloway- Head Usher
 Carolyn Hooker- Scripture Reader
 Choir- Anthem
 Jane Swanson- Zoom Greeter

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom Fellowship

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

3:30 pm Bible Study via Zoom

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom Fellowship

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours:
10:00 am-2:00 pm
Monday through Thursday

If you would like a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—please let Pastor Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out **Joys and Concerns** cards at the back of the sanctuary prior to the beginning of worship. The cards are on the table as you enter, and there is a basket in which you can place the completed cards. If you are participating via Zoom, use the Chat feature to let the Zoom Greeter know what your Joys and Concerns are. Please complete these as early in the service as possible.

Clerk of Session: We are in search of a new Clerk of Session. This is a very important position within the church, but generally only requires a few hours of work each month. The ability to take and prepare good Session minutes is very helpful. Some correspondence is required. A knowledge of Presbyterian polity is another plus. If you are interested, please let Kerry know.

Our **Ash Wednesday Service**, including the imposition of ashes, will be held February 22 at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary and via Zoom.

Joys and Concerns

Please let the church office know if someone needs to be added to or removed from the lists below.

Remember to Pray for:

- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those affected by threats of terrorism, mass shootings, and hate crimes
- Ukraine Situation
- Transgender community under attack legislatively
- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Covid19 Pandemic patients and the ongoing vaccination efforts
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- Those in shelters on the southern border
- Those who continue to be marginalized and underrepresented
- Service men and women

Each week we pray for one of the Carbondale Interfaith Council faith communities.

This week, please pray for: **Church of the Good Shepherd**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Faith Development**

Household Prayer: Morning

God, open my eyes to see the world through your compassion. Open my mind to understand the world through your wisdom. Open my heart to receive the world through your love.
Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, if I have lived this day in the knowledge that perishes, correct my thoughts, rectify my judgments, and mend my foolish ways. Give me the mind of Christ that I may see the world rightly and discern the blessings you bestow. Amen.

#32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

#582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Matthew 5:13-20

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* v. 1-2

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

#606 *Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow* (Doxology)

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

366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* v. 3-4

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.