



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 28, 2024



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

O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Melody Bober

Gathering for Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. Let us worship God!

*Hymn #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Call to Confession:

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare approach God with confidence. In faith and in penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Please stand as you are able*

***Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart

and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence

or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Leader: The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

(sing twice)

Children's Sermon

Bein' Green



Prayer for Illumination

Reader: Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your Word.

Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, (OT p. 174)

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God anymore, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

Special Music

O Rest in the Lord

arr. Patrick M. Libergen

New Testament Lesson

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And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word

A New Sensation

***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 #450**

Be Thou My Vision

Covenant Box

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Offertory

L'hirondelle, OP. 100 No. 24

Burgmuller

***#606 Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Into your hands, O faithful God, we commit our lives and these gifts. Increase them and transform them into abundant goodness, that they might proclaim your presence in the world. **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.

***Hymn #765**

May the God of Hope Go with Us

Announcements

Blessing

Minister: May the God who saves us, as a free gift, embrace you with the presence of the Holy Spirit and lead you to live a life of gratitude and peace.

Postlude

Swedish Dance

Alexandre Tansman

Moment for Reflection:



Worship Assistants

Sarah Merideth- Greeter
Jane Swanson- Worship Assistant
Jiyeon Lee- Accompanist
Elwood Prest- AV Tech

Gerry and Cindy Buys- Head Ushers
Dori Jefferson- Scripture Reader
Mitchell Brandon- Special Music
Kathy Manfredi- Zoom Greeter

JANUARY 28, 2024

9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (Hosts: Phyllis Beck and Jill Hertzling)

JANUARY 31, 2024

10:00 am Bible Study with Bill and J. P.

3:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kerry via Zoom

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (Hosts: Deb Burris and Rolanda Quick)

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours:

Monday: 9:30 am-1:00 pm

Kerry will be on vacation starting 1/30.

He will be back in the office on 2/12

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 to put the completed cards in. If you are participating via Zoom, use the Chat feature to let the Zoom Greeter know what your Joys and Concerns are (please complete asap during the service.)

Annual Meeting- our Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place immediately after worship.

Faith Dialogues will resume February 18, 2024.

Fellowship Hosts – please consider signing up to host fellowship.

Be kind to the environment AND support the **Laundry Project!** Buy Tru Earth laundry strips during Fellowship today – the Laundry Project receives one package for every two packages purchased.

Please join us for a video showing of the wonderful musical ***Come from Away*** Sunday, February 25 in the Lounge at 6:00 pm.

Sign up for the radio show-style **Murder Mystery Melodrama *Intrepid Inspector Iona and The Brief Case of the Missing Briefcase!*** Be in the show! Be on the crew! Make yummy desserts! All the details are in the February Newsletter. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary or contact Kerry at pastorkerry@firstprescdale.org.

Please, as you are able, continue to contribute financially to the life and ministry of the church through Sunday offerings, direct deposit, by sending checks in the mail, online at <http://www.firstprescdale.org> or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.



Joys and Concerns

Remember to Pray for:

- Areas of the world at war, peace in the Middle East
- Covid concerns
- Our Democracy in the face of social unrest and political polarization
- Those struggling with addictions and the consequences
- Transgender community under attack legislatively
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those affected by threats of terrorism, mass shootings, and hate crimes
- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- 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
- Military Service Members

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

This week, please pray for: **Dayemi Tariqat/For Kids' Sake**

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

Household Prayer: Morning

Still-speaking God, help me to bind your Word to myself today,
and to share it with all whom I encounter, that I may experience your blessings and live for you.
Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, into your hands I commit this day that I have lived.
Redeem those places where I have failed and make use what I have done to manifest your goodness;
for I trust that it is not my righteousness but your grace that makes all things go well. 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* (sing twice)
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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

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#450

Be Thou My Vision

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1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

#765

May the Good of Hope Go with Us

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May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.