



# First Presbyterian Church

*"Be not forgetful to  
entertain strangers:  
for thereby some  
have entertained  
angels unawares."*

*-Hebrews 13:2*

## **Sunday Worship**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Year C

16 January 2022

9:30 a.m.

*First Presbyterian at Worship  
Seeking the Faith - Sharing the Spirit - Serving God's People*

# Everyone Is Welcome!

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 along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



As a More Light Presbyterians member congregation, we work toward the full participation of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual and other (LGBTQIA+) people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.



Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Changing stations are provided in the women's restroom (Room 147), the men's restroom (Room 148) and our gender-neutral restrooms across from the chapel (Room 123)

## Order of Worship

### Prayer in Preparation

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.**

### Ministry of the Church

Leader: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### Joys and Concerns

Leader: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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

**All: Please hold your people near, O God!**

### Prelude

*When Morning Breaks Anew*

arr. Jini

### Gathering for Worship

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

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

Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.

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

**\*Hymn: #726**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

vv. 1-2

## Call to Confession

Leader: 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.

## Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: 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 we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ unmasks the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## 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:** What Makes a Home a Home?

## Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reader: 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.**



## Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Scripture Reader: <sup>12</sup> So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you?

Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup>and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. <sup>14</sup>Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the LORD your God, the earth with all that is in it, <sup>15</sup>yet the LORD set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. <sup>16</sup>Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. <sup>17</sup>For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, <sup>18</sup>who executes justice

for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. <sup>19</sup>You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup>You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. <sup>21</sup>He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. <sup>22</sup>Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

## Ministry of Music

### New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 12:28-13:2

Minister: <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire. <sup>13</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Presentation About the CAIRS Program

Cindy Buys and Gary Williams

#### \*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed

Leader: Let us confess our faith together:

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn: #726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

vv. 3-5

## The Covenant Box

### Invitation to the Offering

Leader: God is a generous giver of gifts that flow like a river from the fountain of life. Bring offerings and tributes with thanks and praise; for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

*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.*



**Offertory:**

*All Year in Our Home the Spring Breezes Blow*

arr. Jini

**\*#606 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.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: O God, 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.**

**Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer**

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

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Minister: Let us pray...

*Silent Prayer*

Minister: Together let us pray...

All: **God of mercy,**

**We can no longer pretend to be distant**

**From the heartbreak affecting your children**

**Stopped at the borders of countries**

**Too overwhelmed to welcome.**

**Awaiting a word of hope,**

**Huddled in camps and overcrowded shelters**

**With nowhere to turn and no way to turn back.**

**We know the truth: all these children**

**Are our sons and daughters**

**And their parents are our sisters and brothers**

**And we owe them a room in the inn,**

**A place of safety, a chance to live and thrive.**

**We ask your forgiveness for our short attention spans**

**And our limited imaginations.**

**May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly.**

**May we lift our voices in strong and unified advocacy**

**So that governments will act now to save precious lives.**

**Help us find courage, compassion, and hope**

**For we need your grace. Amen.**

*(Adapted from the Prayer for Syrian Refugees, September 2015)*

**\*Hymn:** #748

*Go with Us, Lord*

(sing twice)

**\*Blessing**

Minister: May the Spirit's love, flowing like water across the face of the earth,  
fill you with every gift for the good of the world. And the blessing of God, Eternal  
Source, Fountain of Life, and Giver of Gifts, be with you always. **Amen.**

**Postlude**

*I Can Hear My Savior Calling*

arr. Jini

## Moment for Reflection:

HAZEL SUSPECTED EDITH WAS  
HAVING PLEASANT THOUGHTS



**Worship Assistants:** {ZOOM ONLY THIS WEEK. PAT AND KATHY MANFREDI WILL BE AT THE CHURCH IN CASE SOMEONE DID NOT RECEIVE THE NOTIFICATION. ALL OTHERS WILL PARTICIPATE REMOTELY.}

Phyllis Beck- Worship Assistant and Scripture Reader  
Chanmi Jeong- Accompanist

Wendi Zea - Zoom Host

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022**

9:30 am Worship via Zoom  
10:45 am Faith Dialogues via Zoom

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022 OFFICE CLOSED**

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022**

1:00 pm Presbyterian Women via Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022**

3:30 pm Bible Study via Zoom

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022**

9:30 am Worship via Zoom  
10:45 am Faith Dialogues via Zoom

**Pastor Kerry's Office Hours This Week**  
Monday - Thursday 9:30 am- 2:30 pm

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**

**Presbyterian Women** will meet via Zoom Tuesday, January 18 at 1:00 pm. Be sure to check your email for the Zoom link to join the meeting.

**Next Sunday 1/23 has also been designated as Online Worship Only due to the spike in Covid infections in the area. We are planning to return to hybrid worship on Sunday 1/30, which is also the date of our Annual Meeting.**

**The Annual Meeting** of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church has been called for Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately following worship. This meeting is for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee, reducing the number of Session members, and approving our Annual Report.

Kerry Bean, Moderator  
Sharon Wittke, Clerk of Session

**Green Guardians recycling tip:** Please **do not** leave plastic bags in the Battery Recycling Box. Please **put shipping tape on the ends of lithium batteries**. Your help is appreciated.

**Green Guardians conservation tip:** Ways we can help save water in the kitchen –

- keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator rather than running water at the sink.
- if you thaw food under running water...think ahead and thaw in the refrigerator overnight.

### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Remember to Pray for:**

- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Covid19 Pandemic patients and the ongoing vaccination efforts
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- For the victims of mass shootings and hate crimes
- For those in shelters on the southern border
- For those who continue to be marginalized and underrepresented
- Service men and women

Each week we pray for one of the faith communities that participate in the Carbondale Interfaith Council. This week, please pray for: **University Baptist Church**  
The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Faith Development**

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

Loving God, we begin this new day in the sure knowledge that you have claimed us as your children. In all that we do, keep us mindful of actions that are pleasing in your sight. In all that we say, make us attentive to the witness of your love. Let our lives be an example to all we encounter, living as daughters and sons of God who follow the path of Jesus, our Lord and our brother. Amen.

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

As evening comes and we end the labors of this day, we thank you, Lord Jesus, that you have been our companion. If we have disregarded your fellowship, forgive us. Where we have strayed from your path, correct us. Let us rest this evening as children of God, sheltered in the love of those who belong to your holy family of grace. Amen.

## LEADERSHIP

<b>Covenant Pastor</b> Kerry Bean 549-2148 ext 101 pastorkerry@firstprescdale.org	<b>Music Director</b> Carlyn Zimmermann 549-2148 ext 106 carlyn@firstprescdale.org	<b>Administrative Assistant</b> Barbara Stewart 549-2148 ext 100 office @first prescdale.org
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## SESSION

<b>Facilities</b> James Prest (2023) Rolanda Quick (2024)	<b>Faith Development</b> John Baker (2024) Reona Daly (2022)	<b>Fellowship</b> David Peters (2022) Ernest Sullivan (2023)
<b>Financial</b> Rob Jensen (2023)	<b>Membership</b> Sarah Merideth (2023)	<b>Mission</b> Rick Jefferson (2022) Lily Vucinic (2022)
<b>Nominating</b> Rob Jensen (2023)	<b>Personnel</b> Rob Jensen (2023)	<b>Small Groups</b> Neal Foland (2022)
<b>Worship</b> Lisa Hollabaugh (2022) Kathy Manfredi (2024)	<b>Clerk</b> Sharon Wittke	<b>Webmaster</b> Jane Swanson

## Deacons

<b>CLASS of 2022</b> Jill Hertzog Carolyn Hooker Dori Jefferson	<b>CLASS of 2023</b> Diane Cash Marta Davis Pam Holt	<b>CLASS of 2024</b> Phyllis Beck Brenda Gilbert Brenda Myers
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*You are encouraged to reach out to any of the above individuals  
 (check the directory for phone numbers and email addresses)  
 regarding announcements, suggestions, questions, or concerns.*



#726 Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

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

*#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.

*#748 Go with Us, Lord*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your  
Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you. (Repeat)