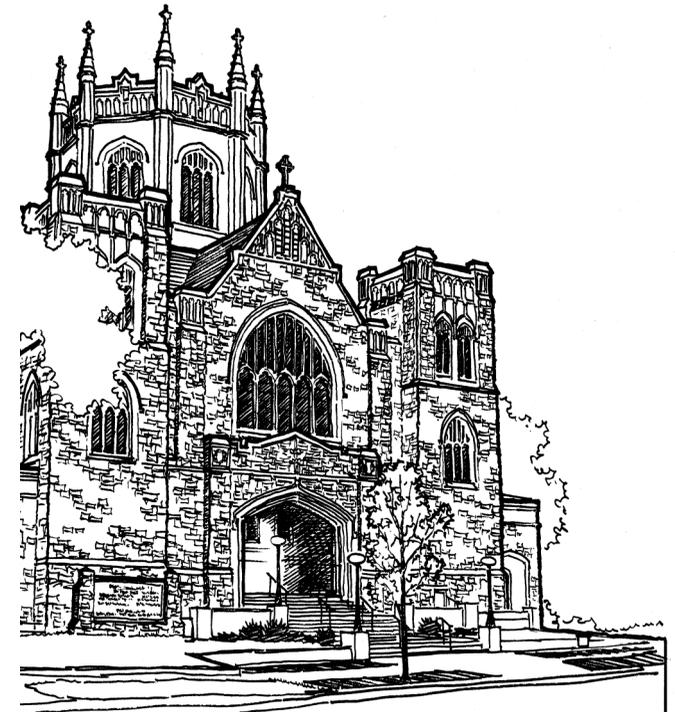


First Presbyterian Church



January 16, 2022
9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming

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January 16, 2022 **2nd Sunday after Epiphany** **9:30 a.m.**

Prelude *Canzonet* Raymond Haan

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

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

Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.

People: In Christ we behold the Light of God.

*Prayer of the Day

Great God, your mercy is an unexpected miracle. Help us to believe and obey, that we may be filled with the wine of new life, promised in the power of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (vs. 1, 2) No. 343

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving *Gloria Patri* No. 579

*The Peace

Leader: As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you. Since God has forgiven you in Christ, let us forgive one another.

People: And also with you.

Kid's Connection

Geri Doll & Liz Norris

First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Roy Ringwald

Second Reading

John 2:1-11

Sermon

"Out of Scarcity, Abundance"

Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith - From *The Confession of 1967*

Leader: God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

People: The risen Christ is the savior for all men [and women]. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

Leader: The same Jesus Christ is the judge of all. His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life and gives promise of God's final victory over the power of sin and death. To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal; to refuse life from him is to choose the death which is separation from God.

People: All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer.

News & Events

Journeys Classes

The Journeys Class will offer, as its first class of the new year, a five-session class on prayer. The Journeys Class, titled ***When you Pray: Original Research in Unexplored Territory***, will meet Sunday, January 16th at 10:45 a.m. in the Parlor and by way of Zoom. Zoom invitations to the class will be sent separately. The class will then meet January 23rd and February 6th and 13th.

It is the over-the-top and unrealistic hope and prayer that the class will challenge and inspire you in your prayer life. Russ Davisson will lead this class.

Church Key Card System Update

We have installed a new access system and the old key cards will no longer allow you access into the building or copy room. If you have an immediate need for accessing the church, please send an e-mail to Roy ASAP.

There are two options with the new system. The first (and preferred) option utilizes a smart phone app. We do understand that not everyone will utilize the app-based entry option. Hence there is a second option that uses a key card (similar to our previous system). If you wish to use option two, there is a \$5 fee for the card. We are doing everything possible to make this a smooth transition.

If you have a need for access to the church, please email me with the information below:

- Full name
- Email address
- Group you are with (if applicable)
- How quickly do you need access?
- If you want the phone app (which is free) or the card (\$5.00 fee)

Thank you for your patience and understanding. ~ Roy Yarborough

Buy a FPC 150th Anniversary Cookbook

The 150th Anniversary Cookbooks are here. These make a perfect gift. Contact Geri Doll or come by the office on Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to buy a cookbook. You may also purchase a cookbook on Sundays after worship. They are only \$15.

Upcoming News & Events

USHERS NEEDED

Now that the number of members and guests attending worship is increasing, the need for ushers is also growing. This includes greeting members and guests at Sunday services, serving at weddings and funerals as well as assisting handicapped individuals. If you would be willing to consider serving our church in this activity, please let us know. Training will be provided, and schedules are flexible. **Please call Phil Michel at 316-213-5515 to learn more.**

Wednesday Youth and Kid's Club Update

Our Youth and Kid's Clubs meet every Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Youth Club includes those in 5th through 12th grade and Kid's Club includes newborns through fourth graders. At 6 p.m., we have dinner together on the third floor of the Case Building. After dinner, youth may choose between Youth Choir or free time and the children will move to the first floor to enjoy activities in the nursery. Bible studies for all ages begin at 7 p.m. The evening concludes at 8 p.m.

Transportation can be provided upon request and parental consent.

**Contact the Youth Director (Geri Doll) or
Children's Director (Elizabeth Norris) for more details!**

SESSION NEWS

The Session has approved the call of The Annual Congregation and Corporation Meeting. The meeting will follow the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on January 30, 2022. You may participate in the meeting in person in the Sanctuary, or virtually, via Zoom. The procedure for participating virtually is the same as the meetings held in 2021. A letter outlining the procedure was included in this week's e-blast.

The purposes of the meeting are 1) receive the Annual Report, 2) hear a report from the Bridge to the Future Team, 3) hear a report from the PNC, 4) elect at-large members to the 2022 Nominating Committee, 5) review the Financial Statements of 2021, 6) review the Operating Budget for 2022, 7) hear an update from the Foundation, 8) hear an update from the Facilities Commission, 9) approve the Terms of Call for the Pastor and 10) receive the Statistical and Necrology Reports.

If you are unable to attend and would like a copy of the Annual Report sent to you, please contact the office by phone or e-mail.



Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! If you recently had a change in address, e-mail, or phone number, please feel free to contact the office on Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that we may update your information.

Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning. Please sign in at the front entrance prior to entering the Sanctuary for Sunday worship service. Thank you.

Children’s Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. Finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the south end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to supervise and engage your child from birth to Kindergarten. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you, if needed. You and your child’s (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us.

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary without an adult escort. In addition, all children and youth group activities including children in the Nursery must be supervised by a minimum of 2 authorized staff or volunteers. -Liz Norris, Director of Children’s Ministry
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Praying for the Church Family-As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Susan Bentson, Jennifer Lewis, Marilyn Lewis, and Roger & Molly Lyon.

Worship in the McComb Room

If you would appreciate being able to Worship in a quiet, peaceful setting, consider the McComb Room. The live streaming video of the 9:30 a.m. service is now available in the McComb Room in the northwest corner of the main floor.

Calendar

Sunday, January 16

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 WRCC Worship (C204)
- 10:45 Journey’s Class (Parlor/Zoom)

Monday, January 17

- 10:00 Tour of the Archives & luncheon (Archives/KIT/*The Well*)

Tuesday, January 18

- 1:00 Staff Mtg (*The Well*)
- 2:30 Pastoral Staff Mtg (*The Well*)
- 6:30 Session Mtg (Zoom/Hobbs)

Wednesday, January 19

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 6:00 Youth & Kid’s Club (YL)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 20

- 1:30 Book Club (Zoom)
- 5:00 Project Laundry (Offsite)

Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 WRCC Worship (C204)
- 10:45 Journey’s Class (Parlor/Zoom)
- 10:45 Deacons Mtg (C109)

THANK YOU!!

The Epiphany celebration and 2022 Big Bang Bingo event was a success thanks to the many volunteers, donors and participants!

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