February 16, 2020              6th Sunday after Epiphany              8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

**Prelude**

*Air on a G String*  
J. S. Bach

**Processional**

Katelyn Young & Mia Temple

Greetings

*Call to Worship*  
excerpt from Psalm 119

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.  
People: Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

Leader: Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.  
People: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day*

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives. May we never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Son Jesus, fulfill the law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn*  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
No. 263

Call to Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Joy*  
*There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  
No. 398
*The Peace
Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Kids Connection  
Liz Norris

First Reading  
I Corinthians 3:1-9

Anthem  
Open My Eyes  
K. Lee Scott

Jarl Moreland, Guest Director

Open my eyes and I shall see; Incline my heart and I shall desire; Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments.
O God, be my only lord, and beside you let there be none else, No other, none else with you.

Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my undertakings
With truth of spirit, with honor of body, with blessing of mouth both today and tomorrow. Amen.

Second Reading  
Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon:  
“Cut it Out!”  
Guest Preacher Judy Michel

*Affirmation of Faith-Excerpt from Confession of 1967

The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God’s work of reconciliation in Christ. The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are nevertheless the words of men, conditioned by the language, thought forms, literary fashions of the places and times at which they were written. They reflect views of life, history, and the cosmos which were then current. The church, therefore, has an obligation to approach the Scriptures with a literary and historical understanding. As God has spoken his word in diverse cultural situations, the church is confident that he will continue to speak through the Scriptures in a changing world and in every form of human culture. God’s word is spoken to his church today where the Scriptures are faithfully preached and attentively read in dependence on the illumination of the Holy Spirit and with readiness to receive their truth and direction.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer  
Joan Aldrich/Teresa Lang
And seeing the multitudes He went up into the mountain, and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him. And He opened his mouth and taught them saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, revile and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
LENTEN STUDIES TO BEGIN!

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Adam Hamilton, noted author and senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, has just produced a new series entitled *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. These essential spiritual practices are rooted in Jesus’ own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament.

During this Lenten season, deepen your walk with Christ as small groups explore the practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and sharing our faith.

**These group date and times are as follows:**

- **Sundays**
  - Mar. 1-29, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Church Parlor, Jeff Van Sickle
- **Wednesdays**
  - Mar. 4-25, 6:30-8:00 a.m., Church - The Well, Brent Johnston
- **Thursdays**
  - Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 19, 26, Apr. 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Judy Weber’s home
  - Feb. 27, Mar. 5-26, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Dick Wieland’s home
  - Feb. 27, Mar. 5-26, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Alice Price’s home

Books are available in the church office for $11. Sign up at the booth in *The Well*, call the church office, or contact Jeff Van Sickle at jtvansickle@hotmail.com.

Please join us!

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**Upcoming Activities**

**Journeys Class Update**

Come join us each Sunday morning as we explore the many facets of our faith journey. We meet in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. for interesting presentations and lively discussions. In February, Brian Howard will lead a class *From Christ to Constantine*, based upon the PBS series. The class will embark upon an exciting and visually stunning journey to the beautiful and important historical places where Christianity was born and grew from a small movement called “The Way” to its place as the official religion of the Roman Empire.

You are invited to join us on Sunday mornings through February 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. All are welcome!

**ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE DINNER & SERVICE**

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten season. February 26 is the date for the Ash Wednesday Observation with a pancake dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the East Dining Room, followed by a Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary that will include the imposition of ashes, special music by the Chancel Choir, and participation with the Children’s Ministry. You don’t want to miss this meaningful service.

**Sunday Kids Connection Program**

Kids Connection is a time during the 10:45 a.m. worship service to connect with our children ages 4 through 11. Each week we will present a topic following the Passing of the Peace. We will then exit the Sanctuary and go to the library for a hands-on Bible lesson.

We are very excited to launch KIDS CONNECTION and hope your children will grow in their faith and connect with each other over the word of God.
Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use. Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one. All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.

Children’s Information—Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children’s worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in The Well. Remember, quiet play in The Well is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child’s (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris—Director of Children’s Ministry)

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary or The Well without an adult escort. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, John and Bobbie Weber and A. B. and Mary Jones, by Judy and John Weber.

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: Ashley Haltom, Donna Hughes, Vivian Leupp, Lynne & Michael Melton, Donn & Gretchen Mason, and Lorraine Maxwell.

If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.

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## Calendar

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**SAVE THE DATE!!**

This year’s melodrama is scheduled for March 27 at 6 p.m. and March 29 at noon.