



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 22, 2023

Early Service - 8:15

Sunday School - 9:10 - 10:10

Worship Service - 10:30

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathered As God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the red friendship pad at the end of each pew, so we will know who is worshipping with us today.

Prelude

Aria
Marsha Scheusner, organ

Flor Peeters

*Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship God,

Many: Who created us and loves us;

One: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community

Many: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

One: Who inspires all people to seek justice, and live together in love and equality;

Many: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

One: And whose presence and grace sustain us in our living.

Many: Let us worship the Living God!

*Hymn #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have refused to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Help us to name our sin, claim responsibility for our actions, and, through your grace, change our ways. We ask these things in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Gloria #581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, amen.*

Children's Conversation (10:30)

(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children's Activity Time following the Gloria and they may be picked up in the nursery after the 10:30 worship service)

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

8:15 Jack Baxter

10:30 Dawn Taylor

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:34-40

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Anthem (10:30)

Be Not Afraid
Isaiah 43:1-7

Terry Taylor

Second Scripture Reading

Amos 5:10-24

OT p. 854

Sermon

Let Justice Roll

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

Responding To God's Word

*Hymn #379

We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's Creed)

**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
on 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.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

Aaron David Miller

*Doxology #607

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

*Benediction

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*Please stand as able

Care List

The ***Care list*** is a list of members and friends who are sick, bereaved, or celebrating a happy occasion. After reading their names, you may want to write a short message to someone on the list.

Our Prayers...

Betty Wells, Ray Messick and family, Greg Baxter, Sue Chiles, Barbara Barlar (mother of Janet McAlister), Joe Pugh (brother of Ann Lewis), Gloria Bryson (mother of Ellen Ludwig), Bob Sweeney, Imogene Nelson, Lynn Carroll (father of Margaret Piper), Joe Graham III, Waymon Hickman, Steve, Roger, and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Kristin Gwaltney (niece of Jennie Grace Jewell).

Announcements

Weekly Calendar:

Wednesday - 10:00 - Staff Meeting

5:30 - 6:00 Dinner for All

6:00 - 7:00 Activities for children and youth, Adult Bible Study, Young
Women's Bible Study

7:00 - Chancel Choir

If you would like reservations for Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, please call the office at 388-1985 or email Renea at rfosterfpc@gmail.com. We need 3 volunteers to bring a dessert to share. Please call the church office if you can bring one.

Room in the Inn needs twin and queen size sheets, towels, blankets, cots, air mattresses, pillows, soap, canned goods (pop top) and ramen noodles. Any donations would be appreciated. Bring them to the church office. Rev Jeff Kane appreciates all your help.

Pastor Sarah's Installation service will be held in the sanctuary at 4pm on Sunday, February 5th. All are welcome to come celebrate her call here to First Pres!

Getting to Know the Kneffs -- over the course of the next several months, there will be opportunities for members of the congregation to meet Pastor Sarah and her family in a small group setting. The first gathering will be Sunday, January 29th at 3pm at Ed and Carrie Lancaster's home. Please call the church office to RSVP as space is limited.

Ministers of the Church

Ruling Elders

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Dorothy Duncan	Mary Beth Cotham	Andy Crichton
Dan Garman	Tony Khim	Lorie Fisher
Michael McAlister	Ed Lancaster	John Hill
Jim Ross	Craig Lorch	Amy Overton
Dawn Taylor	Terry Hendrickson	Argie Satterwhite

Board of Deacons

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Frank Dale	Brian Allred	Jennie Harlan
Janice English	Jessica Elam	Mary Marshall Jewell
Zach Maddux	Bill Handy	Martha Kelley
Sharon Shaw	Lynne Hendrickson	Brent Perry
Joann Lorch	Katie Ledbetter	Debbie Sherman

Staff

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff, Pastor; Susie Baxter, Director of Christian Education;
Renea Foster, Administrative Assistant; Carroll Kilgore, Business Administrator;
James Marshall, Sexton