

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

January 15, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Jackson LaPointe

**PRELUDE**

*Adagio*

John Bennet

**WELCOME**

**PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*INTROIT HYMN**

*We Are Marching In the Light of God*

S. African Melody

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

One: The Lord speaks to His people

**All: Here I am, Lord**

One: The Lord speaks through His creation

**All: Here I am, Lord**

One: The Lord speaks through the Prophets and the Law

**All: Here I am, Lord**

One: The Lord speaks through His Word

**All: Here I am, Lord**

One: And the people of God respond in faithfulness:

**All: Here I am, Lord**

**\*HYMN #408**

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Doris Akers

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (One)

One: The light has come into the world, but people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sin to God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of light, we have been so blind when truth has been so clear. When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind. When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only a part. When we could have sensed the Spirit leading, we missed the way. Forgive our dim apprehension of love's clear leading. Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see, through the light that lingers when all else fails, even the bright Morning Star of our faith, Jesus Christ, the Savior. Amen.**

**CHORAL KYRIE**

*Give Us Light*

Jyouthi Dho

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** (responsively)

One: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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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.  
World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MOMENT FOR EDUCATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

**ANTHEM**

*I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart*

Moses Hogan

Stephen Deeter and Aaron Roos

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 1:29-42**

**SERMON**

*"Called"*

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION** (see insert)

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord's Prayer** ("debts")

**OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

**Offertory**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Aaron Roos, solo

**\*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606**

*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**

**\*HYMN #733**

*We All Are One in Mission*

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Alleluia*

K. Lee Scott

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Siyahamba*

John A. Behnke

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

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A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



*. There are no closed doors here.*  
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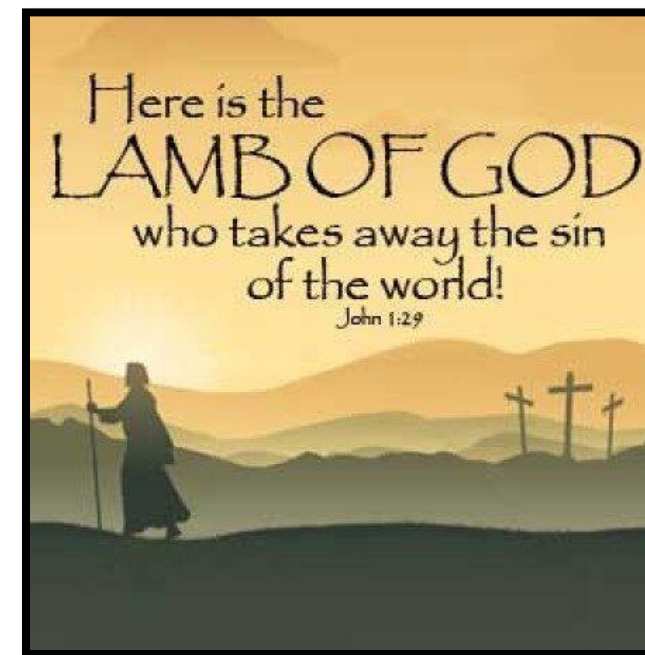
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# First Presbyterian Church

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**Week of January 15 thru January 22**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship w/installation of officers</b>
	<b>11:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship and Refreshments in FH</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Youth Group supper and meeting</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the FH
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Bible Study via Zoom</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>February Newsletter Deadline</b>
	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Group in the Green Lounge</b>
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Green Lounge
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Finance Meeting</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop is open to the public</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed)</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>2022 Annual Reports are due</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Officer training meeting followed by Joint Session/Deacon meeting</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre Workshops
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service w/installation of officers</b>



**Zoom Bible Lectionary Study is Mondays at 5:30 p.m.** The Zoom link is sent out every week by Pastor Jeff and if you are interested in joining, please let Pastor Jeff know by emailing him at [fpcbgjeff@gmail.com](mailto:fpcbgjeff@gmail.com). **This next week sermon is “Dissolving Divisions”, and is based on scripture readings from Psalm 27:1, 4-9; and 1Corinthians 1:10-18.** *Securing unity – even in a country that puts “United” in its name – is not easy. We are all now well versed in this. Yet, the difficult road is often the holiest and so it is in this case. Paul beseeches the Church to seek, cultivate, and maintain unity with one another, but does little to address “how” this might happen. So, this week, we will plumb the “how” questions” together in all faith and...yeah, you guessed it...unity.*

As you may have seen in the CRIER we will be having Youth Group **this Sunday (12/15) evening from 5:30-7:30** dinner will be provided. All youth are encouraged to attend; especially if they are planning on attending camp this year as we will be discussing fundraising for camp, and what that schedule may look like for fundraising so we can be ahead of the game as much as possible.



**On Monday, January 16, Kindred Spirits** continues their study of what celebrating the Sabbath means. Joins us in the **Green Lounge at 4:30 p.m.** as Alyce Platz leads the discussion of “work without Sabbath is servitude.” Questions? Contact Julie Smith Maekask (419-247-1794, landline).

**Christmas decorations** - As you pack away your Christmas decorations, you may find there are some you no longer need. You can donate those unwanted decorations to next year's Jingle Jumble sale. Just box them up and bring them up to the 3rd floor of the church for storage. Thanks!



**Choral Scholars Dinner** - The **Choral Scholars' Dinner** will return this year on the evening of **Saturday, February 11th.** Come and be transported to Italy for a traditional Italian meal while enjoying the sounds of Italy as presented by our choral scholar singers. The dinner is a fundraising event to support our choral scholar program.

**HEADS-UP! 2022 ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS** – Are to be emailed to Tammy in the church office no later than **Friday, January 20th.** **If you chaired a committee in 2022 here at the church,** you are responsible for getting the report to me on time. Thank you.



### ***There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit***

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. **Refrain.**

**Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

2. There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; you're the one to profit when you say, “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” **Refrain.**

### ***We All Are One in Mission***

1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
3. Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.