

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Stephen Deeter

PRELUDE *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Sebastian Temple, arr. Jane Holstein

WELCOME

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Alleluia*

K. Lee Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

All: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

One: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

All: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

One: God is a refuge for us.

***HYMN #263** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Coronation

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

As the Apostle John reminds us: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Friends, let us make our confession and receive God's forgiveness.

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 RESPONSE *Holy Lamb of God*

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

One: Amen. Hear the good news!: Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #134** *Joy to the World (vs 1)*

Antioch

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven a nature sing.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

ANTHEM *With a Voice of Singing*

Kenneth Jennings

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-9

SERMON *"Blinded By Fear; Blinded By Awe"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' 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; the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Andante* Ch. H. Rinck

***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 #852** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

I'll Fly Away

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

***POSTLUDE** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Hal H. Hopson



Venmo

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Liz Uhlman, Frank McLaughlin, Tamara Samson, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mary Clarke, Dean Clarke (son of Mary Clarke), the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

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.
Christ Welcomes All Here!



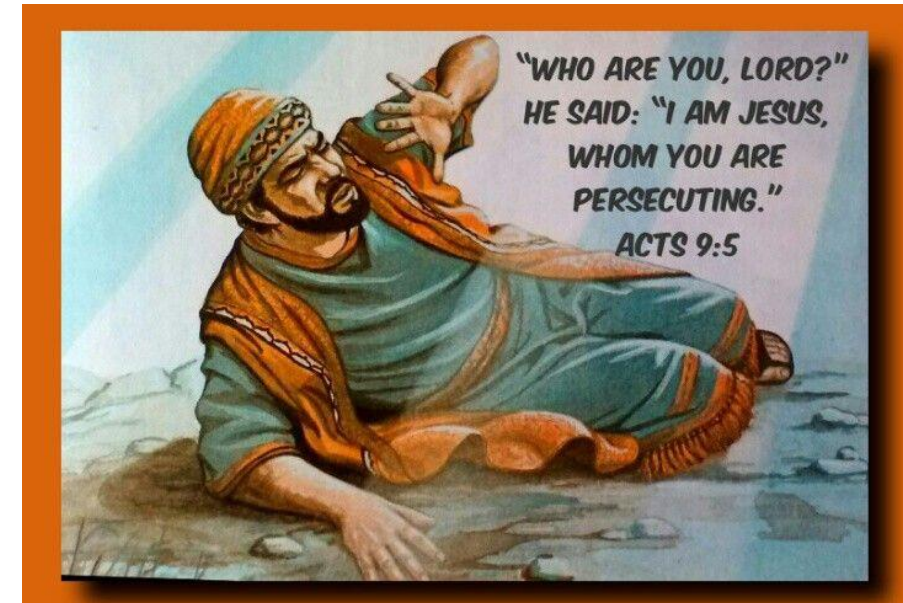
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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

1. When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice. When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice. We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.
2. When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice. When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.
3. When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice. When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice. We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.
4. When the Lord returns in victory, we will rejoice. When we live in glorious liberty, we will rejoice. We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.

Week of Jan. 21 thru Jan. 28

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship in FH
	11:30 a.m.	Deacons' meeting in the Green Lounge
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in the Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
TUESDAY		February Newsletter Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	6:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous in the Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Nurture & Membership meetings
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	5:30 p.m.	We Meet meal and Fellowship
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	9:30 a.m.	Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff's office
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

WE Meet! Have you already failed in your attempt in keeping your New Year's resolution? Not a problem! On Wednesday, Jan. 24th following the WE Meet meal Anna Beeker will help us get re-solved! Come and join us at 5:30 pm for dinner followed by the lesson at 6:15 pm until 7 pm.

NEWSLETTER deadline! The February newsletter deadline is this coming **Tuesday, Jan. 23rd**. All articles should be copy ready and sent to the church office (firstpresbyterianbg@gmail.com) by 4 pm. Any articles received after are subject to space availability.

Annual Meeting – The Annual meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of First Presbyterian has been set for **Sunday, February 4, 2023** immediately following the worship service.