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Community of Faith



Presbyterian Church

Worship, January 30, 2022, 11:15 am

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: Come! Hear the call of God: "Speak of me to my people."

P: But we are just ordinary people. Who will listen?

L: "I will give you the words. I will always be with you as you speak my words of truth and justice and love."

P: We gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence, and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.

Let us pray: Gracious God, we come to you with day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We pray this through Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.*

+Song: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (473)

Call to Confession

L: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Let us make our confessions and seek the grace of God together. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Pardon

L: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p.60,63). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Response of Praise *Come and Fill Our Hearts (2157) 2x*
Come and fill our hearts with your peace; you alone O Lord are holy;
Come and fill our hearts with your peace; alleluia

Sharing of the Peace

Hear the teaching of Christ: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. May the love and peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
 Please share the sign of the peace with one another.

Installation of Officers

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

O God of all the prophets, you knew us and chose us before you formed us in the womb. Fill us with faith that speaks your word, hope that does not disappoint, and love that bears all things for your sake, until that day when we shall know you fully, even as we are known by you. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers

Gospel Reading Luke 4:21-30 ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Hymn *Though I May Speak (335)*

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part;

then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 86). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Offering Prayer

In response to God's goodness, let us give thanks to God. Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who is the light of the world. Amen.

Response of Praise *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (593)*

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, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, let us lift our hearts in faith to the one who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need... (moment of silent reflection)

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. Amen.

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Taking the Word into the World

+Song: *Lord, When I Came Into This Life (522)*

+Charge and Benediction

+Stand as you are able

Hymns

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of night.
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight.
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gently thoughts and mild.
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Though I May Speak

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love my words are vain; as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
Today, I come commit myself, responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith as member of your cast,
I take my place withal the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So, help me in my unbelief and let my life be true;
Feet firmly planted in the earth, my sights set high on you.

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Scriptures for Sunday, February 6

Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1–11
Luke 5:1–11

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy
Ruth Roeber
The McDermott family
Johanna Willis
Nita Kleier
Jean Jennings' family
Emille Walden
Kelly Montana
Lynda Jaeger
Sandi Brown
Kittie Dupps
Skip Dixon & Family
Ron Carlin
Ella Grace Marksberry

Upcoming Worship Services:

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

Cornerstone Sandwiches:

We'll be dropping off sandwiches to Cornerstone on Thursday, Feb. 3. Please bring your sandwiches to the church by Feb. 3 or contact Rev. Sharon about pickup.

Updated Contact Information:

Has any of your contact information changed in the last year? If so, contact Stephanie in the church office to update your information.

Supporting the Work of the Presbytery and the Denomination with Per Capita:

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