

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

January 19, 2020, 8:30am, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

GATHERING MUSIC

"I Love the Lord"
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Smallwood

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Paterson

One: God chose to start a family of believers.
Many: Even before the chosen knew who God was.
One: Christ died to save the world from sin.
Many: Even while the world was still sinful.
One: God's forgiveness is offered to all.
All: Thanks be to God!

†HYMN 411

"God Is Here Today"
(Sung Twice)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. John Judson

Forgiving God, we are thankful that your mercy is there before we need it, and we need it now. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and bring a smile to your face. In Jesus' name we pray...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†OUR RESPONSE 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

**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.**

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Turn to First Things, the insert in this bulletin, for more information on the life of this church.

Hymntune: DIOS ESTA' AQUÍ

Confession acknowledges the reality of sin in our personal and corporate lives. It also allows us to turn away from sin and toward God as we receive the forgiveness and grace sealed in our baptism.

This brief hymn of praise is an ancient text known as the Gloria Patri or "lesser doxology." We sing it to express thanksgiving for God's forgiveness.

Proclaiming the Word

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

All: **God of extravagant grace, may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of these scriptures that we may better understand you and so grow in our faith. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

One: The word of the Lord.

Psalm 103:1-12

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

One: The word of the Lord.

Romans 5:6-11

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Following Jesus 101: Forgive Unconditionally—Part 1”
Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

Responding to the Word

†HYMN 441 “Hear the Good News of Salvation”

OFFERING INFORMATION

Members and guests, please sign the Fellowship Pads to let us know of your presence with us.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Draw the Circle Wide”
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Miller

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise triune God whom we adore. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Why do we give thanks and praise before this Table?

All: **We give thanks for God’s work of creation, liberation, and salvation.**

Please follow along with the reading on page 554 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 155 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible.

Hymntune: NETTLETON

Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates and prayed over by the staff this week.

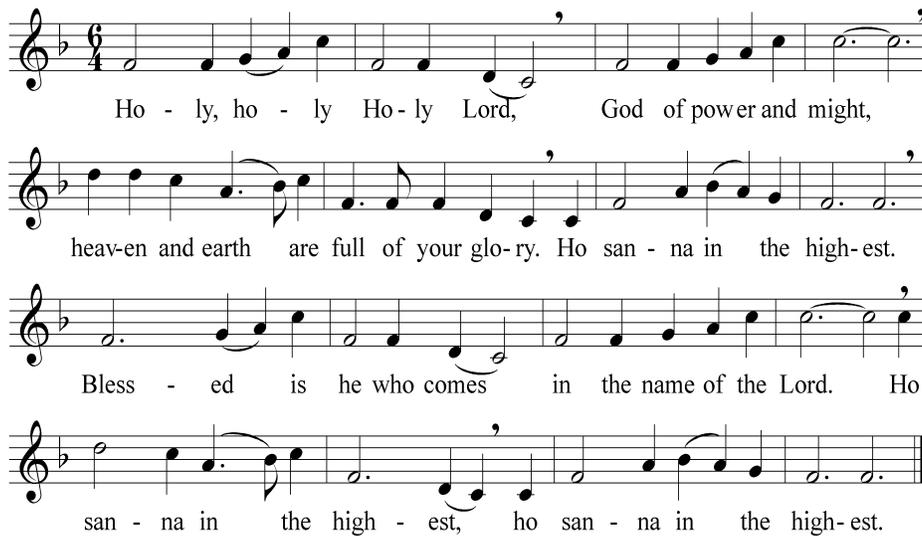
All that we have is a gift from God. In gratitude, we return a portion of those blessings to the work of God in the church.

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A doxology is a short hymn of praise. We sing this response in gratitude for God’s provision for us and for the church.

We are an intentionally inclusive congregation and value the richness of worshiping with all God’s people. There are times in the sanctuary when shouts or other loud noises may occur. We accept these without judgment, unless they are signs of distress in need of attention.

One: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho san - na in the high-est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high-est.

A prayer of thanksgiving for the ministry of Jesus, offered by the pastor.

One: Why do we eat bread at this Table?

All: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: Why do we drink from the cup at this Table?

All: The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: What do we remember at this Table?

All: We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

A prayer calling on the Holy Spirit, followed by prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, and supplication.

All: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are invited to come forward and partake first of the bread, and then the cup in order to be strengthened by Christ's presence and power in the sacrament. Gluten-free bread is in the center tray. After receiving the elements, please return to your pew.

Communion in the Presbyterian Church is a reminder of the love and grace of God, given freely to all. Therefore, all who trust in Jesus Christ are invited to come and partake of the elements.

COMMUNION SONGS

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”



Come and fill our hearts with your peace, You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

“Taste and See”



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness



of the Lord. — O taste and see, taste and



see the good - ness of the Lord, — of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†PEACE

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

†BLESSING

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service this morning.

The liturgist this morning is David Paterson. David has been a member since 1976. His activities over the years include stewardship, Deacons, Session, Mission Outreach Ministries and design and implementation of renovation projects at FPC. He is also a Stephen Minister.

The flowers in the chancel today are dedicated to Carl Fischer for his ten years of faithful service as our volunteer Business Manager. He is “retiring” as of this week. Feel free to let Carl know how much you have appreciated all that he has done for us.

The ushers are Steven Coddington, Peter Miller and Peter Greer.

A Stephen Minister is available in Calvin Hall following each service for prayer and conversation.

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Hymntune: IN BABILONE

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