

# Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, February 23, 2020, 8:30am

## 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

Dr. John Judson

### INTROIT

"Softly and Tenderly"

Albrecht

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 99)

Kitty Stephenson

One: The Lord is King...

**All: the one who loves justice!**

One: The Lord is King...

**All: the one who loves and cares for humanity!**

One: The Lord is King...

**All: the one whom we will worship forever!**

**Let us worship God!**

### †HYMN 623

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Julie Madden

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who hears the cries of the needy and acts, forgive us when we hear those same voices and fail to show compassion and care; when we fail to follow the lead of your Son who became a servant for us all. Help us to imitate his life and become compassionate servants of the world. We pray this in Jesus' name...

### 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: PEACE LIKE A RIVER

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, the source of all good gifts,  
Give us light for our souls,  
Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
So we might be open to your presence. Amen.**

### FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 3:1-12

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

### SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

“Following Jesus 101:  
Serve Compassionately—Part 2

Dr. John Judson

## Responding to the Word

†HYMN 766 “The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound”

### 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

“Prelude in D Minor”

Bach

### †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.**

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, and help when they are signs of distress in need of attention.

Please follow along with the reading on page 50 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 16 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

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,

Hymntune: MC KEE

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Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates. The staff will pray over them this week

The Doxology is a song that gives glory to God. The name comes from the Greek “doxas” which means glory. We give God glory here, in response to the offering because we know all good things come from God. This particular doxology can be found in our hymnal and we use it in our sanctuary, chapel and eLOFT services.

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

### "You Belong to Christ"

Two systems of musical notation for the song "You Belong to Christ". The first system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized." The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

### "Come to the Table of Grace"

Three systems of musical notation for the song "Come to the Table of Grace". The first system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the". The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's". The third system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace."

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†PEACE

### Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

†BLESSING

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

The liturgist this morning is Kitty Stephenson. Kitty has been a member of FPC for more than 60 years. Her family started attending when the church was on Old Woodward. Her two "loves" in the church have always been teaching little children and working with Outreach Ministry. Ask her about the light of her life, her grandson, Jack!

The flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Dan Schmitz from Edie and family.

The ushers are Steven Coddington, Terry Lanzen, Patrick White

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

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Hymntune: AR HYD Y NOS

Welcome to FPC! Please join us for coffee and goodies in Calvin Hall following the service.

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