

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

March 1, 2020, 10:00am, First Sunday in Lent

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

†GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

INDROIT

"Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs"
Chancel Choir

Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 32)

Martha Smith

One: God will teach us the way we should go!
All: God will keep an eye on us while we travel!
One: We will let God guide us!
All: We will let God direct our steps!
One: As we journey, steadfast love will always surround us...
All: And we will continually shout for joy!
Let us worship God!

†HYMN 441

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

After Time With the Younger Church, children 3 & 4 years old will proceed to Worship Wonder. K—5th Grade will go to Calvin Hall, returning for Communion.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Julie Madden

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of past, present and future, forgive us when we pretend that our present is not impacted by our past; when we fail to remember those times when we have not loved you or neighbor and allowed our patterns of unfaithfulness to continue. Give us the courage to acknowledge our sin so that we might turn our lives around and follow you more closely. We pray this in Jesus' name...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

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

Hymntune: NETTLETON

We encourage parents to give their children some loose change to bring forward for the offering.

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,

†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.

Proclaiming the Word

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
All: God, through Jesus Christ,
Your Kingdom has broken into our troubled world.
Help us to hear your Word read and proclaimed,
That we might respond in faithful living
And our lives be signs of the new life you offer. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 24:4-13

One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 11:32–12:2

One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“REPeNT—Remember”

Dr. John Judson

Responding to God

OFFERING INFORMATION

*Members and guests, please sign the Fellowship Pads
to let us know of your presence with us.
(Deacons Loose Change Offering is taken today.)*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

MUSICAL OFFERING “Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God”
Chancel Choir

Noble

†THE 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.

Sealing the Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 530 “One Bread, One Body”

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.

Please follow along with the reading on page 651 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 226 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.

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

You are invited to contribute your loose change to the offering plate. This loose change goes to the Deacons to help support their efforts to meet the immediate needs of food, clothing and shelter in our greater community. If you miss this offering you can collect your change at home and bring it to church when you can. Those quarters (and dollars) really add up to help those in need! TEXT your contribution to 248.600.4919, or contribute online through the Giving Tab on the website.

Hymntune: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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.

Leader: Why do we eat bread at this Table?

People: **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."**

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

People: **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."**

Leader: What do we remember at this Table?

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

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.

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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.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord's Supper demonstrates the all encompassing love of God. The elements will be served together in the pews; beginning with bread, followed by the cup. Please partake as you receive. As you pass the bread say, "The bread of heaven, broken for you." The response is "Thanks be to God." As you pass the cup say, "The cup of salvation, poured out for you." The response is, "Amen." ALL the bread is gluten-free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 445 "God, How Can We Forgive"

†BLESSING

POSTLUDE "O Christ Forgive Thy Servants" Dupre

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

The liturgist this morning Martha Smith. Martha is the Financial Administrator here at FPC. She and her husband, Wendell, have been members for over 20 years. She has been active in the church, serving on Session, as a teacher in Crosswalks and Vacation Bible Camp and playing in the Bell Choir.

The flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Aaron Richard Holme by his family, Cheryl and Frederick Adams and Alyssa Holme.

The ushers are Tom Russell, Leader, Kevin Casady, Jim King, Paul Nelson, Rick and Renee Parker, Grace, Lilly and Joe Schlafhauser and Rod Spearin.

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

Hymntune: LEONI

The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day's worship before you exit the sanctuary.

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