

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

March 8, 2020, 8:30am, Second 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

MINUTE FOR COMMUNITY

Kim McGlynn

GATHERING MUSIC "Trio"

Rheinberger

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 121)

Amy Rogers

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills...

All: **Wondering where will I find help?**

One: My help comes from the Lord!

All: **Our help comes from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth!**

One: The Lord will protect you from all evil!

All: **The Lord will guide your steps now and always!
Let us worship God!**

†HYMN 166 "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of restoration, forgive us when we fail to try to fix the relationships we have damaged, to heal the hurts we have caused and to make amends for past wrongs. Give us the willingness to not only feel remorse and return to your way, but to repair what we have broken. 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: ST. FLAVIAN

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, 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

Leviticus 6:1-5

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

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

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

SERMON

“REPeNT- Engage”

Dr. John Judson

Responding to the Word

†HYMN 372

“O for a World”

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

“Song of Peace”

Langlais

†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, unless they are signs of distress in need of attention

Please follow along with the reading on page 92 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 82 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: AZMON

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.

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. All bread served is Gluten-free. 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

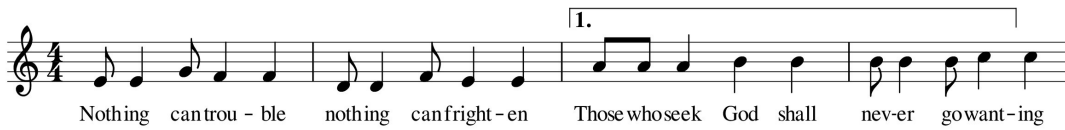


Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

"Wait for the Lord"



Nothing can trou - ble nothing can fright - en Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing



God a - lone fills us

"Nothing Can Trouble"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†PEACE

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

†BLESSING

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

The liturgist this morning is Amy Rogers. Amy has been member since 1998. She is an ordained Deacon and has served on numerous ministries throughout the years.

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Richard L. Street in loving memory of his aunt, E. Gloria Leonard.

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: DENNIS

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

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