

Everybody's Church

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 10:00am, Second Sunday after Epiphany

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lou Nyiri

CHORAL INTROIT

"Acclamation Hallelujah"
Chancel Choir

Ray

*The music this morning is offered as an act of worship,
therefore, please refrain from applause.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike Caldwell

One: We gather to worship God.
Many: Who creates us and loves us;
One: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
Many: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
One: Who inspires children, youth, young adults,
and people of all ages,
**Many: To seek justice, share power,
and live together in love and equality;**
One: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness
and wellbeing for all,
Many: And whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.
One: We gather to worship God.
Many: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!
All: Let us worship God!

†HYMN 372

"O For A World"

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Martha Piesko

*After Time with the Younger Church 3 year-olds through 5th grade
will proceed to their classrooms.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Joanne Blair

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. You sent Jesus among us to bid us be a light for others. Yet, too often, we hide our lamps, dimming the brightness of your Love. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, baptize us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory, that shines for us in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

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

The Call to Worship is from the PCUSA's 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration January 10, 2007 held at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

Hymntune: AZMON

Confession acknowledges the reality of sin in our personal and corporate lives. This practice relieves us from the burden of sin and reminds us of the promise of God's forgiveness and grace sealed in our baptism.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ,
the morning star that never fades.

Many: By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word
and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love;

All: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:6-8

One: The word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
Chancel Choir

Nelson

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Acts 5:27-32

One: The word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Letters from a Birmingham and Jerusalem Jail”

Rev. Lou Nyiri

*“[W]hat does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?” - Micah 6:8*

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

“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”
Errin Duane Brooks, tenor

Bonds

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 550 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 192 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

†THE DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

†HYMN 749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

Hymntune: WE ARE CALLED

†BENEDICTION

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Olstad

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

Our liturgist this morning is Mike Caldwell. Mike has been a member of FPC for more than 10 years and has served in several capacities. In the past, Mike has served as a Deacon, as well as worked with the Youth Group and AAIM. Currently, Mike is involved with the CROP Walk and serves on the Worship committee.

The flowers today are given by Shelly and Gary Amick in loving memory of Shelly's mother, Marilyn Stanick.

Visitors, thank you for joining us today. Please sign the Fellowship Pad or use this QR code to register your attendance:



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The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day’s worship.

Welcome in Christ’s name to First Presbyterian Church! You are welcome here just as you are at whatever place in your spiritual journey that you find yourself. If you have any questions about who we are, what we believe, or what we do, please ask one of our elders or pastors. They will be pleased to visit with you. Please know that you are invited to join us for coffee and goodies following the service in Calvin Hall.

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug-gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo-rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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AZMON

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Come! Live in the Light!

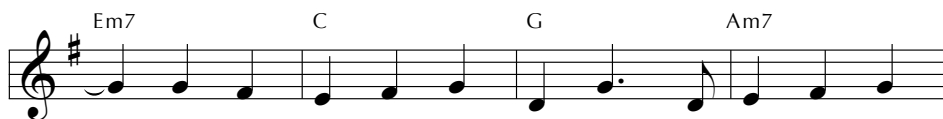
We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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