

# Everybody's Church

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 10:00am, Third 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

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

## CHORAL INTROIT

"Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts"  
Chancel Choir

Saint-Saëns

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

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Walters

One: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,  
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

Many: **Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory,  
share your love, and worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

## †HYMN 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Hymntune: ST DENIO

## 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

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

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.

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.

## 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: Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Many: **Holy One, giver of all light, lift our hearts and minds to Christ that we would hear your word for us this day.**  
All: **Amen.**

## FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 16:23-24

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

Please follow along with the reading on page 599 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

## SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:25-32

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

Please follow along with the reading on page 194 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

## SERMON

“What Does the World Need Now?”

Rev. Lou Nyiri

*“Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.”  
- Proverbs 16:24*

## INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF OFFICERS Sandra Karam, Clerk of Session

One: There are different gifts,  
Many: **but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**  
One: There are different ways of serving God,  
Many: **but it is the same Lord who is served.**  
One: God works through different people in different ways,  
Many: **but it is the same God who achieves God’s purpose through them all.**  
One: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit  
Many: **to use it for the common good.**  
One: Together we are the body of Christ,  
Many: **and individually members of him,**  
One: though we have different gifts...

### Presentation of Officers

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the Session of First Presbyterian Church now brings these persons to be ordained and installed to the office of ruling elder and deacon.

*Elders:* Kevin Burke, Polly Cueny, James Goss, Dana Layman, Sally Spearin, Brian Zabowski

*Deacons:* Nancy Balog, Paul Dyke, Carolyn Kyburz, Terry Lanzen, Molly Meador, Ginny Mottershaw, Gail Pratt, Betsy Ross, Erica Thode, Emily Tobias

### Constitutional Questions of Officers

#### Questions of the Congregation:

Clerk: Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as Deacons and Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

Clerk: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

Congregation: We do.

Laying on of Hands and Welcome

## 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

"I've Got Peace Like a River"  
Chancel Choir

Wilberg

### †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 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Hymntune: BEECHER

### †BENEDICTION

### †PASSING OF THE PEACE

### POSTLUDE

"Toccata in B Minor"

Gigout

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

Our liturgist this morning is Mark Walters. Mark was baptized and grew up at First Presbyterian. He has served as an Elder and Deacon. He is currently involved in Chancel Choir and FPC Ringers.

The flowers today are given by Terry and Cindy Lanzen in loving memory of their parents, Joseph and Dorothy Lanzen, and sister and brother-in-law, Carroll and John Thomson.

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.

## Staff

<i>Ministers</i> .....	<i>The Congregation</i>
<i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> .....	<i>Rev. Louis Nyiri, M.Div</i>
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## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

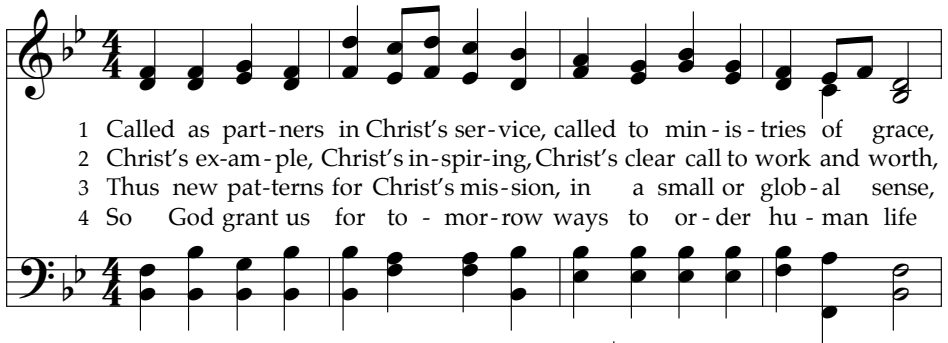
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

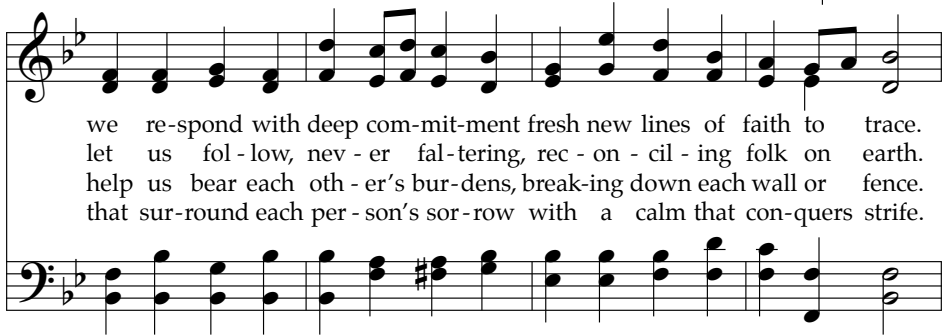
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

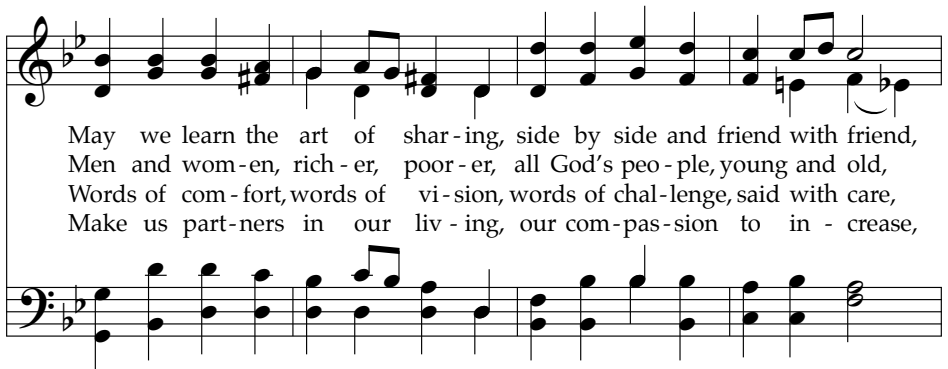
# Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



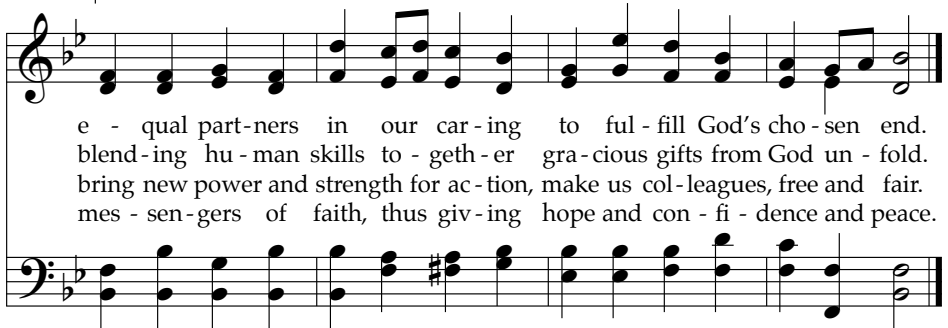
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol-low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho-sen end.  
 blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.