

Everybody's Church

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 10:00am, Fourth 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

"Alleluia"
Chancel Choir

J.S. Bach

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

Arlene Pollock

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 111.

One: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

Many: **Great are your works, O Lord,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

One: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

Many: **You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

†HYMN 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Hymntune: OPEN MY EYES

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

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.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our actions often block out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Cleanse us with your grace so that day by day we might move closer to the people you call us to be.

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: Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear
what you would have us hear.
Many: Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we would be
who you need us to be,
All: for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 111

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

Please follow along with the
reading on page 562 of the
Old Testament in your Pew
Bible.

ANTHEM

“Love Divine”
Chancel Choir

Stopford

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:29-39

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

Please follow along with the
reading on page 35 of the
New Testament in your Pew
Bible.

SERMON

“Souper Day”

Rev. Lou Nyiri

*“Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company
of the upright, in the congregation.” - Psalm 111:1*

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

“O How Amiable”
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Vaughan Williams

†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 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

†BENEDICTION

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" Peters

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

Our liturgist this morning is Arlene Pollock. Arlene joined the church in September of 2023 and is newly ordained as a Deacon for a one-year term in the Class of 2024. On a whim, she joined the Beginner Bells in September of 2022 and is now in FPC Ringers. She loves learning this new way of making music. As a career, Arlene is an executive assistant for a company that manufactures x-ray optics. For fun, she has worked both backstage and onstage with various theatre groups around the metro-Detroit area through the years. She most recently appeared in Grosse Pointe Theatre's 10-Minute Play Festival.

The chancel flowers today are given by Laurie and David Simonelli in loving memory of Laurie's grandparents, Vivian and Allen Parrish. Vivian and Allen were long-time members of this church, parents to Sandra Ebling, Sonja Kropf and Karen Brown, and grandparents to Jeff Ebling, Julie Willett, and Laurie.

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Hymntune: BEACH SPRING

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.

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