

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, February 28, 2021, 10:00am, Second Sunday of 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

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

GATHERING MUSIC

"By Adam's Fall"

Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. John Judson

One: Welcome to a time of wonder,

Many: and music that calls us home.

One: Welcome to hearing God's words that inspire and challenge,

Many: and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality.

One: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others,

Many: leading us to fully live with open minds, open hearts, and open doors.

HYMN 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

EVERYDAY FAITH AT HOME FOR FAMILIES

Cindy Merten

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of radical welcome, forgive us for the times we have allowed our prejudices to overrule our choices. Forgive us for the times we have failed to see your face in those who are different. Forgive us for when we have been unconcerned with suffering, and failed to answer the cries of your beloved children. In Jesus name we pray...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Materials with additional activities to support faith at home are sent in an email each Sunday morning. Contact Cindy Merten or Dawn Swarouth if you would like to receive this information.

Hymntune: LEONI

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.

†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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you!
Many: And also with you!
All: Guide us, O God,
By Your Word and Spirit.
That in Your light we may see light;
In Your truth find wisdom;
And in Your will find peace.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

Hosea 1:2-10

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

ANTHEM

“Witness” Trad. African American Spiritual
David Ramon Vaughn, vocalist

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 11:5-8

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

SERMON

“Parables to the Cross: Praying with Persistence”
Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

Responding to God

MEDITATION MUSIC

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” Jackson
David Ramon Vaughn, vocalist

Sealing the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

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.

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. TEXT your general fund contribution to 248.600.4919, or contribute online through the Giving Tab on the website.

Please follow along with the reading on page 835 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 72 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

Use your bulletin or the prayer page in the Family Worship Resource to write or draw your prayer requests during the Musical Meditation in preparation for Prayers of the People.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

HYMN 735

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

†BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

“Chaconne in E Minor”

Buxtehude

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

Many Ways to Give at FPC

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Hymntune: NEED

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

49 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

735 I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!

Encouraged by her pastor in Brooklyn, New York, the author of this text wrote over four hundred hymn texts. This is the only one to receive wide use, but it has been translated into many languages. Her pastor composed this tune and, with her consent, added the text of the refrain.