

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, February 14, 2021, 10:00am, Transfiguration of the Lord

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

GATHERING MUSIC "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"

Smallwood

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 50)

Ken Thompkins

One: The mighty one, the Lord Calls!

Many: **God calls us into God's presence!**

One: Out of Zion, God shines forth!

Many: **Out of Zion, God comes to us!**

One: God does not keep silence...

All: **But gathers the faithful to listen and learn!
Let us worship God.**

HYMN 397

"O Look and Wonder"

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of infinite mercy, forgive us when we fail to show that mercy to others; when we judge others because their lives are as imperfect as our own. Allow us to be people of infinite compassion and tender care as we walk with those whose road is more difficult than our own. In Jesus' name...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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Hymntune: MIREN QUE BUENO

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

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: God, who is continually creating.
As we read these scriptures,
Bring us your understanding
And reveal your truth
That we might be ever-changing people.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 29:10-14

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

ANTHEM “The Lord is My Light” Allitsen
Gregory Ashe, vocalist

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 2:1-13

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

SERMON “Reformed and Always Reforming: Being of One Mind”
Dr. John Judson

Responding to God

MEDITATION MUSIC “If With All Your Hearts” Mendelssohn
Gregory Ashe, 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 179 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 4 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 755

“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

Hymntune: WEISSE FLAGGEN

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

“Prelude on Land of Rest”

Shearing

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

The beautiful flowers this morning are in honor of Carol Held’s 100th Birthday, celebrated yesterday, February 13.

Our Liturgist this morning is Ken Thompkins. Ken, and his wife Jana, have been members of First Presbyterian Church since 2006. He has enjoyed seeing his son, Nicholas, grow up at FPC and participate in its inclusive ministries. Ken is also a Deacon at First Presbyterian Church.

The single white rose placed on the Baptismal Font this morning, is in celebration of the birth of Alayne Ann Thode born on February 5, 2021 to Erica and Ted Thode.

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

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O Look and Wonder

Refrain / Estribillo ¡Miren qué bueno! (Psalm 133)

Capo 2: (C) (F) (G) (C)

D G A D *Fine*

O look and won - der: how good it is!

¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!

(C) (F) (G) (C)

D 3 G A D

- 1 How good it is when broth - ers dwell in peace with one an - oth - er;
 2 How good it is when sis - ters dwell in peace with one an - oth - er,
 3 How good it is when all earth's peo - ple dwell in peace to - geth - er:

- 1 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do los her - ma - nos es - tán jun - tos,
 2 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do las her - ma - nas es - tán jun - tas,
 3 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do nos reu - ni - mos to - dos jun - tos,

to Refrain / al Estribillo

(Am) (F) (G) (C)

Bm 3 G A D

it is like pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aar - on's beard.
 fresh like the morn - ing dew that falls on Zi - on's ho - ly hill.
 that is where God will pour the bless - ing, life for - ev - er - more.

es co - mo a - cei - te bue - no de - rra - ma - do so - bre Aa - rón.
 se pa - re - ce al ro - cí - o so - bre los mon - tes de Sión.
 por - que el Se - ñor ahí man - da vi - da e - ter - na y ben - di - ción.

This infectious song from Argentina paraphrases Psalm 133, with the intention of encouraging a sense of communion among the members of a congregation. The underlying dance/song form is the *chamarrita*, brought to South America in the 1800s by Portuguese settlers from the Azores.

755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

(Psalms 111 and 112)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
 light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
 may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
 Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
 Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;



may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
 im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.
 awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!



Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.