

First Presbyterian Church

Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Toccata in E Minor
Johann Pachelbel

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Look, here is the Lamb of God!
Jesus calls us; come and see.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We labor for worldly things and lack in spiritual gifts. We sacrifice much for false idols and forsake your holy Lamb. Forgive us; give us grace. Take away the sin of the world and teach us, as disciples, to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, HYMN #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:7-21 (p. 991)

ANTHEM Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
arr. by Jane Holstein

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***Children ages 4-5th grade leave for Children's Worship*

ORGAN INTERLUDE Jesus Loves Me

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:43-48 (p. 787)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Linking: Widening the Circle"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
(*Hymnal p.35*)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory I Will Sing of the Mercies/
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
arr. by Tornquist

*The Doxology, Hymn #606

*HYMN #300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE From All That Dwell Below the Skies

WORSHIP NOTES

Tabitha Lee is today's audio visual specialist.
***Please stand if you are able.**
****Children's Worship is located in the Chapel outside of the church office.**

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, January 15
9:00am **Young Chime Choir**
9:15am **Praise Kids**
4-6pm **Youth Groups**
5:00pm **City Church**
Monday, January 16 MLK Day, Office Closed
6:00pm **Unity Service at FPC**
Tuesday, January 17
12:30pm **Martha Circle**
5:30pm **Yoga**
Wednesday, January 18
10:00am **Bible Study** group meets in the library
5:00pm **Room at the Inn (AOC)**

6:30pm **Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A**
Thursday, January 19
9:00am **Yoga**
10-12noon **Disciple 2 class** (library)
10:30am **Staff Meeting**
1-3pm **Disciple 3 class** (library)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNING DAY On **Saturday, January 28**, all of the committees and teams of the church will gather 9:00am-noon (with lunch at 11:30am) to plan the church's activities for 2017. This is a wonderful opportunity to check out an area of church life. Please consider joining one of the committees on this day to "observe" as members evaluate the year just past and begin to plan the ministries and events that will take place at FPC during the coming year. Our church is very blessed to have such strong volunteer leadership in every facet of our life together. Please consider making us even stronger through your contribution to one of our committees this year.

WEDDING GUILD will be meeting during Planning Day starting at 9:00am.

PW LUNCH is January 23 at 12:30. Ladies come join us in the fellowship hall, to learn about "Healthy Cooking" presented by Janet Haase, hosted by Leadership Team. Lunch is \$10.00. Three ways to register (choose one/one time):

1. Call the Office.
2. Check RSVP Box for PW Dinner on Information Tear-Off Card.

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER we encourage members to evaluate road conditions and decide whether or not to drive to worship. If it is necessary to cancel any Sunday events, we will request local news media make the info available to the public after 6 pm on Saturday. You can look on the Leaf Chronicle web site or listen to WJZM AM 1400, or check FirstPresbyterianChurch,Clarksville,TN on Facebook, and an announcement will be on Realm. When the public school system closes for dangerous conditions, the church will be closed for evening activities.

LOOKING AHEAD:

January 23 PW Luncheon (see announcement)
January 28 Planning Day (see announcement)
February 14 Valentine's Day
February 20 Presidents' Day OFFICE CLOSED
February 28 Empty Bowls (more information to follow)
March 3-5 NaCoMe Winter Retreat
March 12 Daylight Savings time begins
March 27-31 CMCSS Spring Break

NOTE: The 2017 Offertory Envelopes are available outside of Michelle's office.

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate
10:00am Service

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

- Member(s) Visitor(s)
 Members please indicate if this is a change.
 I will attend PW Lunch I need child care

Are You Interested In (circle as many as you like):

Fellowship Sunday School Small Group Study

Meet with Pastor Baptism Membership Choir

Other: _____

Prayer Requests:

SERMON NOTES:

1. Who gets to crash our party?

2. Is it our mission to pronounce judgment?

3. Is your circle of love growing larger?

4. What is eternal? What is the meaning of life?

5. Where did you see Jesus last week "in distressing disguise"?