

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

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 27, 2019
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE "Allegro Maestoso"
Felix Mendelssohn

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING
The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
**the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening
the eyes;**
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
**the teachings of the Lord are true and righteous
altogether.**
The law of the Lord is more precious than fine gold;
the goodness of God is sweeter than honey.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #24 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

God of grace, hear our prayer. Your good news is for all
people.
Forgive us when we limit it to people like ourselves

Your grace is for all people.
**Forgive us when we hoard it, unable to believe in your
abundance.**
Your love is for all people.
**Forgive us when we ignore it, fearing that we might be
unworthy of your grace.**
Move us to see the world as you know it:
bursting at the seams with your mercy and your love.
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 Matthew 7:21-29 (p. 788)

ANTHEM "The Heavens Are Telling"
F. J. Haydn (Anthem 207)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
***Children ages 4-4th grade leave for Children's Worship*

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING James 1:19-27 (p. 980)

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God

SERMON "Implanted Word"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Shorter Catechism (7.090)*

Q. 90. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may
become effectual to salvation?
A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation we

**must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and
prayer; receive it with faith and love; lay it up in our
hearts; and practice it in our lives.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Domine Deus, Rex Caelestis"
John Rutter
Caitlyn Casey, soprano; Dylan May, baritone

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Psalm 19"
Benedetto Marcello

WORSHIP NOTES

Maggie Brown is today's liturgist.
Tabitha Lee is today's audio-visual specialist.
Mark Ring is Director of Music/Organist.
Matt McNeill, Accompanist.
***Please stand if you are able.**
**** Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the
church office.**
Note on Psalm 19: This week's Psalm is all about how God
reveals himself to us: first, in the beauty and grandeur of
creation, in the natural world, and then also in specific acts in
history, through the law and the prophets, in Scripture. It may
seem strange to us as modern, Western, scientific people to
think of creation speaking and singing the truth, meaning, and
wisdom of God, but the sermon contained in nature teaches
us much about God's beauty, order, dependability, and
power. Nature is a witness to God's glory. To quote N.T.
Wright, this isn't mere dreaming or poetic license. Nature is
not mute, but its nonverbal communication requires verbal
expression for us to realize its full potential within the human
dimension. Nature's sermon is given greater verbal specificity

in the laws, statutes, commandments, and ordinances of the Torah. Only Scripture can enlighten those who are spiritually blind (19:8) and only Scripture can fully refresh the soul (19:7). Only Scripture, when studied, will in turn study and search your inmost heart and reveal God to you (19:11-14). Look for the influence of Psalm 19 in today's Opening Hymn, Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Anthem, Closing Hymn, and Postlude!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, January 27

9:00am Children/Youth/Adult Sunday School Classes

9:00-9:15am Children's Music

4:00pm Youth Group Activity

Monday, January 28

5:00pm Theology on Tap (see announcement)

Tuesday, January 29

5:00pm Yoga

Wednesday, January 30

10:00am Bible Study

6:00pm Handbells

6:30pm Youth @CFA

7:00pm Adult Choir

Thursday, January 31

8:30am Yoga

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS! Please indicate on the tear off information card your primary phone number for the new Churchwide Voice/Text Alert system. This will include important messages including changes due to inclement weather.

FAMILY FUN EVENT Saturday, Feb. 9 Charlotte's Web Matinee at the Roxy. We have a block of seats and will receive a group rate. Please call the church office to get your tickets.

Please plan on attending the **PW LUNCHEON on February 25, 2019 at 12:30 pm.** Mickey Daughtery will be speaking about her life journey. Charlene and Wendy will be providing the meal. Hope to see you there. Sign up information will be in next week's bulletin.

TIME TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

Empty Bowls is a nationwide grassroots event to fight hunger and raise awareness for those around us who don't know where their next meal will come from. The proceeds benefit Loaves & Fishes and Urban Ministries. **First Presbyterian Church will again host a dinner location for Empty Bowls on Tuesday Feb. 26 from 4:30-7:00pm.** We will offer several different soups, bread, a dessert and drink and upon exit you will be able to pick a beautiful hand painted bowl to take home. Tickets are \$15 and available in the church office, from Kris Foust or you can purchase through Eventbrite.com (specify our church location).

THEOLOGY ON TAP is a group that meets each Monday at 5pm at Guadalajara Restaurant on Riverside Drive. Come join us for an informal gathering exchanging beliefs and ideas concerning spiritual issues in our modern world! For more information, contact Bill Moser at 358-9638.

SHOWERS OF LOVE On the first Sunday of each month, First Presbyterian Church opens our doors to share our facilities so that people who are homeless can have a warm shower in a safe place. Continued thanks to our Young Adult and Senior High classes for help packing lunches and setting up. You are welcome to come on any first Sunday, 2pm, lower level of the AOC/gym to fellowship with some wonderful folks! Contact Ann Waddle (waddleiread@gmail.com) for more info!

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

10:00am Service

Name: _____

Member(s) 1st Time Visitor(s) Visitor(s)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Members indicate if this is a change in information.

I am interested in membership, baptism, or a meeting with the pastor (please circle which one(s)).

Other: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

February 3, Showers of Love (see announcement)

February 9, Family Event "Charlotte's Webb"

February 10, Second Sunday Lunch/Town Hall Meeting
Young Adults Valentines Day Party (tba)

February 18, Presidents' Day/**Office Closed**

February 25, PW Luncheon (see announcement)

February 26, Empty Bowls (see announcement)

March 6, Ash Wednesday

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