



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

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, some of us are discouraged and long for your embrace.

Wash us with your love.

Some of us are weary, weighed down by the desperation of this world.

Wash us with your hope.

Some of us are anxious and seek refuge from chaotic lives.

Wash us with your peace.

Some of us are restless, yearning for renewal or transformation.

Wash us with your grace.

However we come into your presence, pour out your Spirit upon us.

Let us come to the waters of baptism.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN # “”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you, but we do not always live out this calling. We stifle the gifts you have given us rather than using them for your glory. We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness rather than showing love to our neighbors. We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in our world and shy away from taking risks for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us again in the waters of baptism and transform us by your grace, so that our words may further righteousness and our deeds be pleasing in your sight.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life.

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 Isaiah 42:1-9 (p. 584)

*ANTHEM, HYMN # “”

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

** Children PreK-Elementary leave for Children's Worship

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:13-17 (p. 784)

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

SERMON “Baptism by Fire or by Water: New Beginnings in Perilous Times” *Reverend Dr. Rosanna Anderson*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #68 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed, pg. 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

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN # “”

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Jessica Nikiel is today's liturgist.

Leong Lee is today's audio-visual specialist.

Douglas Ferguson is today's IT Web specialist.

Dr. Mark Ring is Director of Music/Organist.

Dr. David Goldblatt, Accompanist.

*Please stand if you are able.

** Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the church office.

About the Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

An ordained PC(USA) minister, the Reverend Dr. Rosanna Anderson is a freelance proofreader for religious publishers who previously served churches in New York, New Jersey, and Tennessee. Dr. Anderson also served on the denominational staff of The United Methodist Church, specializing in stewardship and intergenerational ministries. She received her M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and D.Min. from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Pastor Rosanna, her husband, Dr. Clifford Anderson, Associate University Librarian and Professor of Religious Studies at Vanderbilt, and their ten-year-old son, moved to Nashville in 2012.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, January 12

9:00am **Adult & Children's Sunday School Classes**

12pm **Second Sunday Lunch**

4-6pm **Youth Groups**

Monday, January 13

5:00pm **Theology on Tap/Don Pablo's**

Tuesday, January 14

12:30pm **Martha Circle**

2pm **Congregational Care Meeting**

5pm **Yoga**

6pm **Tap Into Theology With Trinity Episcopal**

6pm **Historical Preservation Meeting**

7pm **Night Circle**

Wednesday, January 15

10am **Bible Study with Pastor**

4pm **Room in the Inn**

5pm **Family Activity Night**

6pm **Handbells**

7pm **Senior Highs at CFA on Madison**

7pm **Adult Choir**

Thursday, January 16

8:30am **Yoga** 9:30am **Pickleball**

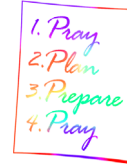
12pm **Staff Meeting**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAP INTO THEOLOGY WITH TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Our friends at Trinity Episcopal have invited us to join them at Strawberry Alley on Tuesday, **January 14 @ 6pm** for Tap Into Theology. The topic for this month is PREDESTINATION, so they want some of the Frozen Chosen Presbyterians to show up and sound off.

Come to **PLANNING DAY 2020, Saturday, January 25 @ 9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall to receive a brief report about initiatives under way and to help us plan every aspect of our life together this year! All committees and teams of the church will gather 9:00am-noon (with lunch at 11:30am) to plan the church's activities for 2019. This is a wonderful opportunity to check out an area of church life about which you have been curious, but into which you haven't yet dipped your toe in the water to try. 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 First Presbyterian Church during the coming year. Our church is very blessed to have such strong volunteer leadership in every facet of our life together.



22nd ANNUAL UNITY WORSHIP SERVICE, January 20 @ 6pm. The Clarksville Area Ministerial Association is sponsoring a unity service on Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The speaker will be **Pastor Marie Wolmart**. The event will take place at **Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church @ 1641 Walnut Grove Road in Clarksville**. The theme this year is **"Rise Together - In Times of Change, Struggles, Anger, Oppression, and Loss of National Unity"**.

YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH Join us the third Sunday of each month! We meet after the service, in the chapel and head out together to a nearby restaurant! Childcare is provided in our Nursery.

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

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: _____

I am interested in the Children/Youth Programs. Please list name(s) & age(s) of children.

Prayer Requests: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

January 19 Young Adult 'Gathering' Brunch

January 20 MLK, Jr. Day Office Closed

22nd Annual Unity Worship Service

January 25 Planning Day! (see announcement)

February 25 Empty Bowls Dinner (see announcement)

March 13-15 Women's Retreat @ NaCoMe

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH. Join us after worship today for a time of food and fellowship!

SAVE THE DATE! First Presbyterian church will be one of five dinner locations for Empty Bowls on **February 25, 2020**. We expect to serve 150. **Volunteers will be needed!** See Kris Foust for details.