

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2020

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

This is the day you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people; to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises. Open our eyes to see you. Open our ears to hear your Word. Open our hearts to feel your presence. Amen.

Prelude **Sonata No. 4, Andante Religioso** F. Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;
All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Leader: In gratitude and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,
All: let us "come and see" and worship God together.

***Hymn #361: How Firm a Foundation** Foundation

***Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer** Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge that we are often more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove all the obstacles preventing us from being your faithful representatives to a broken world and awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone, and a new life has begun.
**All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Gloria Patri** Hymn #579

***Affirmation of Faith** Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God; Jesus Christ is Lord!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 40:1-11 (pew Bible OT, p. 513)

New Testament Lesson: John 1:29-42 (pew Bible NT, p. 92)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

"The Heavyweight Champion of the World" Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #372: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian** I Want to be a Christian

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Agnus Dei

G. Fauré

<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi dona eis requiem</i>	<i>O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant them rest</i>
<i>Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es</i>	<i>May eternal light shine on them, o Lord, with Thy saints forever, because Thou are merciful.</i>
<i>Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis</i>	<i>Grant them eternal rest, o Lord, and may perpetual light shine on them.</i>

***Doxology** Hymn #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

***Hymn #371: Lift High the Cross** Crucifer

***Benediction and Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ**

Postlude **Trumpet Tune in D Major** D. N. Johnson

New speakers are here for trial. The goal of these new speakers is to enhance the listening experience for all worshippers in the Sanctuary as well as on the radio. In the next few weeks, we have asked a few folks to listen carefully and provide some feedback, but that doesn't exclude the importance of your opinion if you have one. All comments can be directed to Peter. Once the trial concludes, the session will determine the need and develop a plan accordingly. If installed, the new speakers will be mounted on the walls beside both the lectern and the pulpit in the same color as the rest of the trim throughout the sanctuary. Point Source has been gracious with their time and resources in helping us make an informed and responsible decision. Any costs associated will be supported by the Schreiber Fund.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, January 19

- 8:45 a.m. Being Reformed (Library)
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
- 9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Walk with God (Rear Parking Lot)

Monday, January 20

- 7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 7 (Scout Room, for boys 11-18)
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

Tuesday, January 21

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 49 (Room 126, for girls 11-18)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 7 (Scout Room, for boys and girls K-5th grade)

Wednesday, January 22

- 12:00 p.m. Open Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)

Thursday, January 23

- 7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 11:45 a.m. Westminster Canterbury Luncheon (Fauber Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, January 24 - Church Offices Closed

Middle School Lock-In... Over night January 24 and 25

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270 and Chad McCain (617) 304-9802

Members Helping Members for January: Ginny McCraw (434) 528-1927 and Sally deNiord (434) 384-8153

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sally D. Wood, mother of W. Bass Wood.

The Chancel Guild: Thank you to those who donated, arranged flowers, and decorated during the month of December. Donations of flowers may be made using the flower sign-up folder on the table off the Foyer.

Offering Envelopes – If you requested offering envelopes on your 2019 pledge card, your envelopes are located on the table in the hallway off the Foyer.

Who's on First? For those who have joined FPC in the past couple of years and visitors who are interested in joining, this class offers an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the church and what "Worship +2" means. Class will meet Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m., February 2 through February 23 in the Officers' Room. See Chad for more information!

Volunteers needed for Middle School Lock-In January 24 & 25: If interested in volunteering for the Lock-In or other youth activities, please contact Kathleen at kathleen@fpcl.org.

National Mission Trip: Interested in going on our mission trip to Philadelphia this summer, June 19-25? All Adults and youth (rising 9th graders and older) are invited to come have the experience of a lifetime! Come hear more about our plans and ideas on February 2 following worship in the Martin-Gifford Room. Deadline to commit: February 15.

"Being a Vital Congregation": Next Sunday, January 26, it will be an honor to host Will Willimon, professor and dean at Duke Divinity School and author of over 70 books. All are encouraged to join in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. for "5 or 6 Tasks to Build the Future of FPC" and in the Sanctuary for worship at 10:30 a.m. for "Called." The Session will then have a retreat over lunch in the Fellowship Hall with an in-depth discussion, "How FPC can be a Vital Congregation."

Staff Update: Laura Litchford, our Communications and Technology Coordinator, has chosen to resign effective January 16. A full-time job opportunity came up she couldn't refuse. She wanted the congregation to know she has thoroughly enjoyed her time with FPCLY and wishes us continued success. Her creative vision, skills and fun personality will be missed by all. Please pray for Laura, Tyler, and their baby-to-be, and for the Personnel Committee as they actively work to determine next steps in meeting the needs of the congregation through communications.

Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpcl.org, the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities.



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