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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

January 15, 2023

Whatever brought you to worship today, know that you are welcome and loved.

Building Hospitality: Our building is a wonderful resource. It can also feel like a labyrinth when you are learning your way around. Ushers are available and willing to assist you in finding your way to restrooms, elevator, or nursery. Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections. Hearing-assist devices and large print hymnals are also available in the Narthex for any who may need this assistance.

Welcoming Children: Just as Jesus welcomes the little children to come, so we welcome children of all ages in worship. In order to make worship as welcoming for our little ones as possible, worship carts are available with a variety of resources to create a worship bag to take to your seat. After the Children's Moment, children 4 years old through 2nd grade are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in room 101 or stay for the remainder of worship. If needed, Nursery (in Room 8) is available for children 3 and under.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

Choral Introit

O Worship the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn 470: O Day of Radiant Gladness**

Es Flog ein Kleins Waldvögelein

O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
on thee the high and lowly through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God Triune.

This day, at the creation, the light first had its birth;
This day, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day, our Lord victorious, the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus this day most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.

This day God's people meeting, the Holy Scripture hear;
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might,
From grace more grace receiving on this blest day of light.

That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to You our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The church its voice upraises to You, blest Three in One.

Call to Confession and 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! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone and a new life has begun.

All: **In Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

*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.*

*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

Catherine Adams

Choral Anthem

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

L. Schroeter

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.
Kings shall bow down before Him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all peoples sing;
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: John 1:29-42

(pew Bible NT, p.92)

"The True Champion"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

J. P. Harding

*Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

*Shall we yield him in costly devotion rarest of fragrances, tribute divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?*

*Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*

*Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

***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

Refrain:

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on their brow the seal of Christ who died. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. [Refrain]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

***Postlude**

Prelude in B flat Major

J. S. Bach

We encourage all to share the love, joy, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ with one another. All are also encouraged to join in the Narthex for lemonade and cookies before participating in one of the many spiritual growth opportunities available for all ages.

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

The two rosebuds placed on the baptismal font are in recognition of the births of *Madeline "Maddie" Silver* on January 4th (daughter of Brittany and Ethan Silver) and *Elora Gray Lovern* on January 7th (great-granddaughter of Nancy and Doug Brockman).

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Session Meeting - Today @ 12:00 p.m. (Officers' Room)

Malawi Trip Information Meeting – Today @ 2 p.m. (Martin Gifford Room)

We would love for you to join us for a conversation about our partnerships in Malawi and a trip there in late June 2023. There will be a 1 and 2 week option for this trip, with time to meet and learn more about our partnerships! A Zoom option will be available for the meeting—ask Alex for details.

***NEW* Sunday Class Offering Starting January 22 @ 8:30 a.m. (Martin-Gifford Room)**

Class leaders are Katy and Chal Nunn

In this new class called *Coffee & Conversation*, we will dig into Jesus' call for us to love our enemies—what does it mean; how do we do it; why is it sometimes so hard; what is a culture of contempt; and how can we overcome contempt. This discussion-based book study will use Arthur Brooks' book, *Love Your Enemies*, as a foundational resource to ignite conversation. A copy of the book can be purchased on Amazon; if you need assistance getting the book, please contact Marcia. The coffee will always be hot and ready!

Fellowship Potluck Dinner – Wednesday, January 25th @ 5:30 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and good food! Please bring a favorite dish (entrée, side, or dessert) to share, as you are able! Contact Alex for more information.

You're Invited to Host Lemonade and Cookies!

We LOVE the opportunity to stay after worship and visit with folks while enjoying "Lemonade and Cookies!" It's a great way to connect and engage with others! We cannot do it without the hospitable hands of this community. If you would like to lend a hand as a host one Sunday, hover your phone over the QR to the right and sign up!



Flat Roof Replacement Project

The flat roofs above the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, and Weekday School classrooms & hallway have reached their expiration date evidenced by leaks and standing water after heavy rains. Traditional Roofing will be replacing the roofs over the course of the next 6-8 weeks (weather permitting). The team will be working primarily in the rear of the church. Their presence should not impede church activities on weekdays or Sundays.

Audio Visual Equipment Installation

We experienced a slight delay in the installation process of our new microphones, speakers, cameras, and equipment for the Officers' and Martin-Gifford Rooms. The team should be back to finish the work this week.

**** Please view the calendar at www.fpcl.org or call the church office for more information. ****

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