

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**THE APPROACH**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle:** (Please rise if you are able)

One: Set our hearts on fire with love for you, O Christ our God
So that in its flame we may love you with all our heart,
With all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength,
And our neighbors as ourselves, so that by keeping your commandments we may glorify you, the giver of all good gifts.

**ALL: O Come Lord, and light our path, show us Your way!**

(Light the candle)

**One**: Let us now prepare our hearts to worship almighty God.

**Musical Introit - #24** "I waited, I waited on you Lord"

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn #290 –** “Immortal, invisible, God only wise” vs. 1,3,4

**Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Lord’s Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing the Peace**

**Hymn #177** – “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Epistle Lesson:   1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**Gloria Patri**

Gospel Reading:  John 1:29-42

**Anthem**

**Sermon:** *“*And then there were two!*”*

**Reaffirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed – Please rise**

**Hymn: #635 -** “Brother, sister, let me serve you” vs. 1,3,4,5

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn: #740** - “Make me a channel of your peace”

**Benediction**

**Coral Response: Threefold Amen**

**Recessional**

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**Mission Statement:** But he’s already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It’s quite simple. Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don’t take yourself too seriously – take God seriously. Micah 6: 8-The Message

**Apostles Creed**

# 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, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitsat 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.

# The Lord’s Prayer

# Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

# Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth,

# as it is in heaven.

# Give us this day our daily bread.

# And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

# And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

# For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

# forever. Amen.

# Gloria Patri

# 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.