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**January 19th , 2025**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**THE APPROACH**

**\*\*Please rise\*\***

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**\*\*Entry of the Bible:**  Please rise

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit – #436 –** “God, we praise you for the morning” vs. 1

1 God, we praise you for the morning;

hope springs forth with each new day,

new beginning, prayer and promise,

joy in work and in play.

**\*\*Call to Worship**

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

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious,

the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;

in all life thou givest, the true life of all;

we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,

and wither and perish,

but naught changest thee.

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

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.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing the Peace**

**\*\* Children’s Hymn #441 –** “Can a little child like me”

1 Can a little child like me

thank the Father fittingly?

Yes, oh yes! Be good and true,

patient, kind in all we do;

love the Lord and do our part;

learn to say with all our heart:

Saviour, we thank you,

Spirit, we thank you,

Great God our Maker, we thank you!

2 For our playing, for our rest,

for the earth in beauty dressed,

for the moon and sun so bright,

for the day and for the night,

for your patient, loving care,

for your bounty everywhere:

3 For the laughter, for the tear,

for the love that meets us here,

for the lessons of our youth -

honour, gratitude and truth -

for the great gift of your Son,

for your work in us begun:

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 62:1-5

**Epistle Lesson**: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

**Responsive Psalm 36:5-10**

**ONE:** Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**ALL: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

**ONE:** How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**ALL: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

**ONE:** For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**ALL: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

**\*\*Gloria Patri #684**

Glory to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever.  
Amen, amen, amen.

**Gospel Lesson:** John 2:1-11

**Anthem –** “When the wind blows”

**Sermon:** "My hour has not yet come!"

**\*\*Reaffirmation of Faith (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 sits  
at 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.

**\*\*Hymn: #688 –** “As water to the thirsty”

1. As water to the thirsty

as beauty to the eyes,

as strength that follows weakness,

as truth instead of lies,

as songtime and springtime

and summertime to be,

so is my Lord,

my living Lord,

so is my Lord to me.

1. Like calm in place of clamour,

like peace that follows pain,

like meeting after parting,

like sunshine after rain,

like moonlight and starlight

and sunlight on the sea,

so is my Lord,

my living Lord,

so is my Lord to me.

1. As sleep that follows fever,

as gold instead of grey,

as freedom after bondage,

as sunrise to the day,

as home to the traveler

and all we long to see,

so is my Lord,

my living Lord,

so is my Lord to me.

**Offertory**

**\*\*Doxology #79**

Praise God from whom all blessings Flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye Heavenly Host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People:

ONE: God, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**\*\*Hymn: #590 -** “We have this ministry”

1. We have this ministry and we are not discouraged;

it is by God’s own power that we may live and serve.

Openly we share God’s word, speaking truth as we believe,

praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive.

We have this ministry; O God, receive our living.

1. O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning,

we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love.

Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace,

different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place.

We have this ministry; O God, receive our giving.

1. The yoke of Christ is ours; the whole world is our parish;

we daily take the cross, the burden and the joy.

Bearing hurts of those we serve, wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,

Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again.

We have this ministry; O God, receive our loving.

**\*\*Benediction** - Go Now in Peace (Don Besig)

Go now in peace Never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day

Go now in faith Steadfast, strong, and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, And show you believe

Reach out to others So all the world can see.

God will be there Watching from above

Go now in peace, In faith, and in love

Amen, amen, amen.

**Recessional**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All are welcome at First Presbyterian Church. We hope you experience the love of God and of this congregation as we worship, celebrate, and serve one another.

**PASTORAL CARE:**

In order to provide support to the people of First Church, when you or a loved one is sick or in hospital, we encourage you to contact the church (902-752-5691), Reverend Andrew (902-331-0322) or Cathy Lewis, Chair of the Pastoral Care Team (902-759-9649), to inform us directly. It is also important that you inform the hospital that you would welcome a visit from your minister and/or your Elder.

We extend our sincere condolences to Jack and Judy Marshall on the loss of Jack’s brother “Bob”.

An In memorium donation has been received in loving memory of Gary Baudoux from Cathy and Jack Lewis.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Today:**

* The Board of Managers meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled and will be re-scheduled at a later date.
* There will be coffee hour after service today, please join us if you can.

Today we wish Lois MacLellan a Happy Birthday. Lois will celebrate her birthday on Thurs., Jan. 23rd. Happy Birthday Lois!

**MEMORY TREE –** The Memory Tree initiative was very successful again this year. In total, we raised $1975.00 Thank you all for your contributions in memory of loved ones.

**Annual Meeting & Reports** – It’s that time of year! Time to begin pulling your reports together for the annual Meeting.

**SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS:**

**Reader:** Clarice Campbell

**Ushers**: Main Door (Office) – Brent MacQuarrie

James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – Ellen Jardine

**Early Christian Educators:** Lynne Ann & Lois MacLellan