

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, January 19, 2020
10:30am

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday After Epiphany

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** indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.
Bold text indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Music

Through it All

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Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

Look, here is the Lamb of God!

Jesus calls us: Come and see.

The Lord is about to do a new thing.

Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.

There are varieties of gifts, services, and activities,
but there is one Spirit, one Lord, and one God.

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #466**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Call to Confession

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Sung Response

By His Grace

By His grace I am redeemed, by His blood I am made clean;

And I now can know Him face to face.

By His power I have been raised, hidden now in Christ by faith;

I will praise the glory of His grace.

Assurance of Pardon

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. 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.*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and reconciliation with one another.

***Sung Response**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

**Overwhelm us with Your Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will
speak to our hearts as Your Word, made known to us in Christ the
Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 40:1-11

Anthem

Worship Song
Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

Scripture Reading

John 1:29-42

***Hymn #281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on 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.

Sung Response

Cares Chorus

***I cast all my cares upon you;
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime I don’t know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.***

Morning Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's 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, 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.

***Hymn #276**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Today's Readings

Psalm 40:1-11 (NRSV)

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Prayer List:

Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.

Concerns:

Tina Castillo and her mom, Gail; Ken Yordy; John & Nancy Allen; Marian Bouchey; Sally Nester; Jill Nester; Jackie Hartsaw; Stacy Bosley Mockridge; Sharon Froom; Bonnie Smith; Garret Miniard; The Rev. George Gillette; Brenda Bollman; Rhonda Handley; Geneva Foster; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country

Thanksgivings:

Miracles and healing mercies granted; Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

Continuing Prayers:

John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Christina Latoski & family; Karen Moore; Barb Pharr; Rick & Mary Rimmel; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Randy Smith; Shelley Zamarron & family

If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.

Happening this Week:

- Women's Breakfast – Monday, 9:00am – Hearthstone Oven
- Finance Committee – Tuesday, 6:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Session – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry
- Craft Day – Saturday, 10:00am – Fireplace Room

Next Week's Volunteers – January 26, 2020:

- Karen Emery, Liturgist
- Chuck & Karen Emery, Greeters
- Chuck & Karen Emery, Ushers
- _____, Coffee Hour



January Craft Day - Saturday 1/25

Join us for a winter craft day, Saturday, January 25 at 10:00am. If you have a craft project you are working on, you're more than welcome to bring it along. If not, we have centerpieces and table favors to work on for the 150th anniversary celebration dinner. Come join us for fellowship and fun! Coffee, tea, and treats will be provided. For more information, see Pastor Christina.

Installation of Officers and Annual Meeting – January 26

During worship service on January 26, we will ordain and install Jackie Bowen, Rick Vanderbeek, Karen Rozen, Joy Heinlein, and Gary Melow as the newest Elders on Session. Immediately following worship, we will have our 2020 Annual Meeting. This is the meeting where we adopt the 2020 budget and receive reports from the various teams of the church. Please plan to be there!

A Different Idea for Prayer Requests

Beginning February 2, we are going to try something different for prayer requests. You will find in your bulletins a slip of colored paper on which you may write your prayer requests. The prayers of the people and the offering will swap places in worship so that prayer requests may be collected with the offering, and Pastor Christina will have them to announce and pray for during the prayers of the people.

Anniversary Display Table

There will be a table set up in Fellowship Hall during our Anniversary Dinner on February 16 where we will display pictures and keepsakes from our church's history. If you have any photos or mementos that you would be willing to share with the church family during the celebration, please bring them in to the church before February 9. Make sure your items are clearly marked so we can make sure we get them back to you. Thank you in advance for your help!

Snow Day? The Office is Closed!

This is a friendly reminder that if the Ithaca School District has a snow day due to the amount of precipitation (snow and/or ice) we've had dumped on us, the church office will be closed. If schools are closed because the back roads are a mess, but the roads here in town are fine, then we will probably be open. We hope and pray that everyone will be safe this winter.

We Need YOU...

...to sign up to be a worship leader! You can sign up to be a liturgist/lay leader, or team up with a friend and be greeters or ushers. Leading in the sanctuary not your thing, but you love to feed people? Sign up to host coffee hour! Sign-up sheets are on the table in the hall, just outside of the fireplace room. They are brightly colored – you can't miss them! We - the church family - can't do what we do without your help!

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Leading Worship Today:

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Bob Crist, Music Director
Jim & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Greeters
_____, Ushers
Tom Heinlein & Rick Teal, Counters

Staff:

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