

# First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



**Sunday, January 26, 2020**  
**10:30am**

Service for the Lord's Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

*The Lord is My Light*

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship (responsive)**

We proclaim the message of the cross:

**this is the wisdom and power of God.**

For God alone my soul waits in silence.

**Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.**

Jesus said: the Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

**May the word of God be fulfilled among us.**

**\*Opening Prayer (unison)**

**Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #469**

*Morning Has Broken*

## **Call to Confession**

Even when we were dead through our sin, our merciful and loving God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up through him. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

## **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

## **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**

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. In the name 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 27:1; 4-9

**Anthem**

*Grace Upon Grace*  
Chancel Choir

Mary McDonald

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 4:12-23

**\*Hymn (insert)** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

## **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**

### **Ordination and Installation of Officers**

#### **Litany of Spiritual Gifts**

There are different gifts,

**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways,

**But is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**To use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

**And individually members of Him.**

Though we have different gifts...

#### **Presentation of Candidates**

For Ordination & Installation: Karen Rozen

For Installation: Jackie Bowen, Joy Heinlein, Gary Melow, Rick Vanderbeek

#### **Questions to the Candidates**

#### **Questions to the Congregation**

**\*Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Installation**

**Almighty God: in every age You have chosen servants to speak Your word and lead Your loyal people. We thank You for these people whom You have called to serve You. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live.**

**\*Declaration of Ordination and Installation**

**\*Hymn #343**      *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## **Today's Readings**

### **Psalm 27:1; 4-9 (NRSV)**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

### **Matthew 4:12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death." From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

**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:**

Heath Meyers; Tina Castillo and her mom, Gail; Ken Yordy; John & Nancy Allen; Marian Bouchey; Sally Nester; Jill Barrett; 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:**

- Stamp Camp – Monday, 6:30pm – Fireplace Room
- Men's Breakfast – Tuesday, 8:30am – Hearthstone Oven
- Pantry Board – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

## **Next Week's Volunteers – February 2, 2020:**

- Jamie Sanders, Liturgist
- Cheri & Phil Booth, Greeters
- Cheri & Phil Booth, Ushers
- Gary Melow & Joy Heinlein, Communion Servers
- Tom & Joy Heinlein
- Potluck, Coffee Hour



## **Annual Meeting – January 26 – TODAY!**

Today, 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.

## **Anniversary Sunday – RSVPs for Dinner Needed**

It is our hope that you are all planning to join us for the Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, February 16. Worship is at 4pm with dinner following. If you are planning to join us for dinner, you **MUST** RSVP by this Friday, January 31 so we can give an accurate number to our caterer. Please let Pastor Christina or the Office Volunteers (Joy, Sandy, Cynthia, Cheri, and Vickie) know as soon as possible how many people are coming. Thank you, and we look forward to celebrating together!

## **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:**

The Rev. Christina L. Jensen, Pastor  
Karen Emery, Liturgist  
Bob Crist, Music Director  
Chuck & Karen Emery, Greeters  
Chuck & Karen Emery, Ushers  
Dale Nester & Vickie Thum, Counters

**Staff:**

The Rev. Christina L. Jensen, Pastor  
Bob Crist, Music Director  
Chris Shemes, Treasurer  
Shelley Zamarron, Custodian



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