

ORDER OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024
10:25 AM

HYMN SING

Mary Jo Cox, piano

WORDS OF GREETING

One: From God comes my salvation.

All: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

One: God alone is my rock and salvation.

All: God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

INTROIT

From the Nets of Our Labor

John Kleinheksel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wilson Gyasi

One: God is our rock and salvation.

**All: We wait to hear from God;
our souls wait.**

One: We depend on God alone;

**All: we release what will pass away
and rest in God's enduring mercy.**

One: Though God calls us down difficult paths,

**All: we answer, relying on God's help,
for God keeps calling us to the work.
Let us worship God!**

*HYMN No. 463

How Firm a Foundation

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE No. 605

Praise to God the Father
**Praise to God the Father;
praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit:
praise to the Three-in-One.**
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
**Praise to God Almighty;
praise to the Holy One.**

CHILDREN'S OFFERING; BLESSING

Congregation: **May the Lord go with you as you
worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you
worship here.

Congregation: **Go in peace.**

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

During the response to the Passing of the Peace, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

This Is My Father's World

Kathryn Schulz

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

"Answering the Call"

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: What is God calling you to do and be in the world?

*AFFIRMATION 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, 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 170

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(If you have a prayer of concern or joy, please text 989-954-3297.)

MORNING PRAYER AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN No. 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

(see hymnal)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

We Will Rise Up and Follow

John Kleinhesel

*POSTLUDE

Ricercar

Hans Leo Hassler

*NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS, SO GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Wilson Gyasi; The Chancel Choir; Andrew Miller

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Wendy Shugert, Mike McNabb, Bob Hand, Scott Campbell (Andrew & Martha Miller's friend), Dana Hendershot (Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran), Betty Gempel, Jillian & Flynn Gray, Martha Loubert (sister-in-law of John, Pete, and Sheri Loubert), Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter and Verna Russell, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Countryside Trinity, Saginaw, MI, China Christian Council, and the Food Pantry of Community Compassion Network.

Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Please join us for lunch after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Restore the Glory

Sanctuary Ceiling Repair, Painting, & Light Replacement

The repair, painting and light replacement for our sanctuary ceiling will begin shortly after Easter in 2024. We scheduled the work so that we will have experienced all types of seasonal weather, making sure our new roof is doing its job!

Please help us restore the sanctuary ceiling to its original glory. We need \$20,000 to cover the costs of the ceiling repair, painting, and lighting improvements, a small contingency fund for unforeseen problems, and a tithe for Presbyterian Outreach Ministries. As you know, this project is much needed and has been anticipated for a long time.

A more detailed fact sheet is available in the church Narthex. Please direct any questions to Kevin Love, Chair of the House & Grounds Team, a member of Session, or Pastor Andrew.

Thank you!

A word of thanks to all who helped with the Rotating Homeless this past week. We host the shelter again February 11-18, 2024.