

ORDER OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024
10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Attende Domine
Mary Jo Cox, organ

Charles Callahan

WORDS OF GREETING

One: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

All: We come to give thanks to God on this day that God has made.

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Hal Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Stevens

One: With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

All: Great are the works of the Lord!

One: We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

All: God's righteousness endures forever.

One: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN No. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one-God, Mother to us all. 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord

Handel, arr. Hopson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

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

REFLECTION

“Answering the Call to Adopting a New Perspective”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: How might we be willing to adopt a new perspective as we move forward as a community of faith?

*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. 181

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit (vs. 1,3)

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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. 733

We All Are One in Mission

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You

Hal Hopson

*POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Douglas Wagner

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

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; David Stevens; The Chancel Choir; Andrew Miller

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Nick Baker, 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, First Presbyterian, Saginaw, MI, Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China, and the Isabella Country Restoration House Rotating Homeless Shelter.

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 fellowship after worship in the Witherspoon Room.

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.