



Agnus Dei, San Vitale Ravenna

SECOND SUNDAY *after* EPIPHANY

January 15, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation.

* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on REPTON

Graham Twist

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

May your star pause over this place of worship,
illuminating your truth and justice.

You, who are long gone from the stable,
**Be present in every place and time
for you are God with us.**

Confront us anew with your call
**to look for power in lowly places
and to bring our gifts to worship.**

* **HYMN 757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin this new year with hearts that have been unburdened,
and let us make our confession before God and one another, first in
silent prayer....

God of stars and angels, God of sheep and lambs, God of abundance
and grace:

You know us well, better than we know ourselves.

You hear us cry “Gloria!” and “Praise!”

And you watch us tear things apart with our words and deeds. You
hear us say “Thy will be done” and “use me, O God”

And you watch us do nothing in response to cries for help.

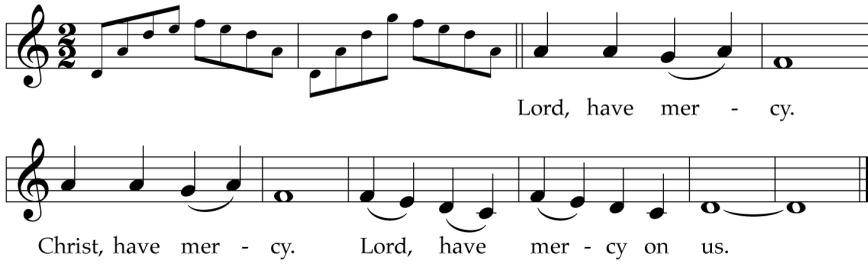
You know us, and you love us, and you forgive. Hear us now say,
“Help us to change; turn us around,

**Make us more loving and courageous and hopeful.” This we pray
in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

The Prayer of
Confession is adapted
from Beth Merrill
Neel, ‘Hold Fast to
What Is Good’. Used
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KYRIE

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.**

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, "An Awesome Day," is found on page 202.

The musical transition following the first scripture reading invites all ages to be active participants while signaling to children an important moment in worship focused towards them.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing the refrain of Hymn 591, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!, as the children come forward.

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Worship LAB is a place where children explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences. Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week. This week's LAB focuses on the sacrament of baptism.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

**Ways to give:
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Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523

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Please sign and pass the **Friendship Pad**. First-time-guests, we especially appreciate your contact information, legibly written, so we can give you a fuller welcome this week.

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Behold the Lamb of God from Messiah* G.F. Handel
Chancel Choir

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world.

* **Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

INTRODUCTION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Elders-elect will be presented by the Clerk of Session, Linda Rex, for Ordination and/or Installation

Elders to be ordained and installed:

Jane Dutton	Jim Schaafsma †
Mel Kesterson †	Diane Tamblyn †
Mark Lindley	Susan Whitlock
Betsy McCallister †	Aiden Majorprice
Tom McKarns	

† Denotes persons previously ordained

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION:

The Constitutional Questions

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they and the entire Session guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

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SENDING

*** HYMN**

I Have a Dream

REPTON



1. "I have a dream," a man once said, where all is perfect peace;
2. But in this world of bitter strife the dream can often fade;
3. Fierce persecution, war, and hate are raging every where;
4. So dream the dreams and sing the songs, but never be content;
5. Lord, give us vision, make us strong, help us to do your will;



Where men and women, black and white, stand hand in hand, and all unite
Reality seems dark as night, we catch but glimpses of the light
God calls us now to pay the price through struggles and through sacrifice
For thoughts and words don't ease the pain: unless there's action, all is vain;
Don't let us rest until we see your love through-out human-ity;



in freedom and in love, in freedom and in love.
Christ sheds on human-kind, Christ sheds on human-kind.
of stand-ing for the right; of stand-ing for the right.
faith proves it-self in deeds; faith proves it-self in deeds.
u-nit-ing us in peace; u-nit-ing us in peace.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

March in F

Alexandre Guilmant



The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Cam Smith.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, drop in Hillegond's Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partners are Beth Gerwig and Nancy Oliver.

GET CONNECTED

Please use the Friendship Pad located in the pew to let us know you joined us in worship. To stay up to date with what's happening at First, sign up for our weekly email "Our Life Together" using this QR code.



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Worship LAB — a multi-sensory worship experience just for them. (Check the order of worship for dismissal instructions.)

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. We encourage you to pick up a worship activity bag, try sitting near the front, and sing along with the music.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

David Prentice-Hyers

Welcome

Melissa Anne Rogers

Liturgists

Megan Berry

Jay Sanderford

Children's Message

Mark Mares

Conductor

Dave VanderMeer

Organist

David Hufford

Chancel Choir

Ushers

Len Rezmierski, captain

Marolin Bellefleur

Linda Lampman

Keith Molin

Joe Schmidt

Dick Stuber

Elsa Stuber

COFFEE HOUR

Racial Healing Conversation Today—Tuesday, January 17, is the National Day of Racial Healing, a day set aside to bring people together to take collective action for a more just and equitable world. First Presbyterian's Dismantling Racism Group invites you to an in-person racial healing conversation following 9:30 a.m. worship today in the Social Hall.

Today at First

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Childcare

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Level 1
Ages 5 and young

Children's Choir

10:45 a.m. | Lemon Chapel (Level 3)

Children's Classes

11:15 a.m. | Classrooms (Levels 1 & 3)

Youth Classes

11:00 a.m. | LL4, LL1 (Lower Level)

4th & 5th Grade & Parents

Amazing Stuff:
God's Plan for Growing Up
4:30 p.m. | Curtis Room, LL4

Youth Group

6:00 p.m. | Youth Room (Lower Level)

ADULTS

First Friends

11:00 a.m. |
First Friends will join the Exploring the Faith class this week.

Exploring the Faith

11:00 a.m. | Monteith Hall
"Bias and Erasure of Contemporary Native American Peoples"
Guest speaker: Julisa Lopez, Ph.D. student at U of M

The Bible at 11 o'clock

11:00 a.m. | French Room (Level 1)
A Study of Corinthians 2

Kerygma Bible Study

11:00 a.m. | Vance Room
The Kerygma class will not meet this week.

T2A2 Young Adult Group

6:00 p.m. | Off site

Announcements

MUSIC

Paul Keller Jazz Ensemble—Bring your family and friends to our Open Doors Creative Arts Series free concert at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, featuring the Paul Keller Jazz Ensemble. Their vast and varied repertoire is guaranteed to be entertaining, energetic, engaging, accessible, and fun. Come enjoy an afternoon of marvelous jazz. To learn more about our Open Door Creative Arts Series, visit shorturl.at/eIILN.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sexuality and Faith Class—As part of our "milestone" program in Children's Ministry, we offer a course on sexuality and faith for children in fourth and fifth grade. This milestone is called Learning We Are Made in the Image of God, and features the class, "Amazing Stuff: God's Plan for Growing Up." At the same time we offer a separate accompanying course for parents called "Helping Your Child Learn about God's Plan for Growing Up." The classes will be held on Sunday afternoons January 15 through February 19 (no class on Jan. 29) at 4:30 p.m. For more information about this course and to sign up, contact Beca Torres-Davenport at btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lenten Devotional— The 2023 Lenten Email Devotional is coming! From Ash Wednesday to Easter, a short devotional is written by one of our members or staff. Would you be willing to write a devotional? Interested in knowing more? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. Assignments and full instructions (and help if needed!) are coming in a few weeks. Lent begins February 22.