



"Testify to the Light" by Jan Richardson

THIRD SUNDAY *after* EPIPHANY

January 22, 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

Pastorale and Hymn
FPC Orchestra

arr. Liedgid/Niehaus

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Take refuge in the arms of Peace.
We rest in the promises of God.

No longer must we fret.
The way is made clear.

Even when enemies of Love arise, we remember:
God is our salvation.

Truth is our firm foundation.
Justice is our calling.

With joy, we seek the face of God together.

* HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

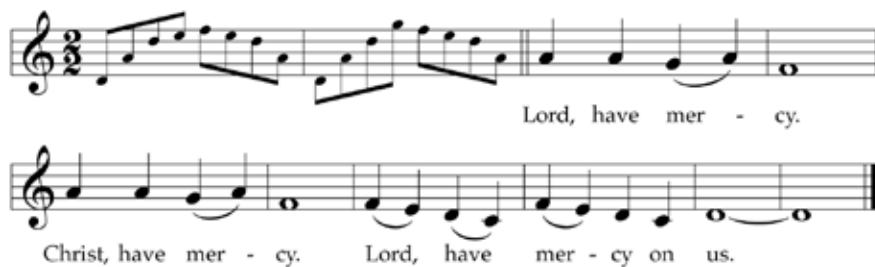
**Merciful God, you gather us in and make space
for every person, experience, and need at your table.
You call us to meet and understand our neighbors,
but too often we shrink from your call.
You call us to do what is just,
but we are afraid.
You call us to speak truth to power,
but we find reasons to wait.
Forgive us, Holy One, and partner with us
to take up your call in its fullness.
Transform our small ideas into expansive hope
and meet us in every moment along the way...**

SILENT PRAYER

The Call to Worship is
from the *enfleshed*
liturgy resource

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

IN BABILONE

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.**

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

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

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 baptism.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23

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

SERMON

**Ways to give:
Cash/Check**

Place in the offering
plate or in the mail

Text-to-Give

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

Online

<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

Vanco Mobile App



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

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RESPONDING

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

True Light

Keith Hampton

Chancel Choir and Tyrese Byrd, soloist

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine.
Almighty God is light. God lives in us as True Light.
In the beginning out of the darkness God created True Light.

Don't let the light that You've given me die,
And don't desert my mind. But let the one who serves You,
Praise You again and again. God lives in us as True Light.

You are the one who judges right from wrong.
Your glory excites no envy. But let the one who serves You,
Praise You again and again. God lives in us as True Light.

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know.
God gave the world True Light!

* **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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.**

SENDING

* HYMN 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fiat Lux

Theodore Dubois

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*The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of
Rev. William N. Colwell by Simone and Brad Taylor*

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 Linda Lampman and Jeanette Kibler.

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

Hannah Lundberg

Welcome

Melissa Anne Rogers

Liturgists

Melissa Anne Rogers

Megan Berry

Children's Message

David Prentice-Hyers

Lector

Tom Layher

Conductor

Dave VanderMeer

Organist

David Hufford

Chancel Choir

FPC Orchestra

Greeter

Lois Bryant

Ushers

Len Rezmierski, captain

Linda Lampman

Keith Molin

Joe Schmidt

Dick Stuber

Elsa Stuber

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome those who have joined between August 21, 2022 and January 15, 2023:

Cherie Caverly

Tanner Caverly

Bob and Carla Cell

Janet Drummond

Caryn and Martin Gehrke

Cathryn Gray

Laura Cameron Hazecamp

Keanu Heydari

Jenny and Dave Keil

Bob and Suzanne Laverty

Lindsay and Alex Novak

Patricia Riggs

Linda and Mark Robinson

Wendy Simmons

Donna Smith

Megan Wolfe and Chris Hayes

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

Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer
11:00 a.m. | Lewis Room (Level 2)

Dismantling Racism Work Group in partnership with Exploring the Faith

Inequities in Education in
Washtenaw County
11:00 a.m. | Monteith Hall (Level 1)

The Bible at 11 o'clock

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

Kerygma Bible Study

11:00 a.m. | Vance Room (Level 2)

T2A2 Young Adult Group

7:00 p.m. | off site
Contact: hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

Paul Keller Jazz Ensemble

4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Bring your family and friends to our Open Doors Creative Arts Series free concert at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon, 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/eIJLN.

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Membership Directory — An updated membership directory will be available for pick up during business hours beginning Tuesday, January 17. Look for more information soon from your deacon! The directories are available on a first-come first-serve basis.

Lenten Devotional— Church members, friends, and staff are invited to write a 300-word devotional based on the day's scripture. Willing to try? New authors welcome and returning ones too! Resources are provided to help you connect with the scripture and the season's thematic elements. Contact Rev. Rogers to find out more, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

MISSION

First Sunday: Lunches with Love — Join us on Sunday, February 5, when we will pack Lunches with Love for our local mission partner, Food Gatherers. Donate items listed below now through February 4 for our First Sunday event. Donations may be dropped off at the Welcome Center. To learn more about our local mission partner, Food Gatherers, visit www.foodgatherers.org

- Pop-top soup
- Pop-top pasta meals
- Tuna or chicken salad lunch kit
- Dried fruit
- Applesauce
- Fruit cup
- Crackers
- Granola bar
- Popcorn
- Protein bar
- Bottled water

Thank You, First Pres! — Many thanks to the First Pres Community for generously supporting this year's Rotating Shelter. You gave your time and financial support to welcome 20 overnight guests for a two-week period. An army of 94 volunteers filled 154 shifts/food slots to share their hosting skills and garnered smiles and gratitude from our guests. All adding up to 756 volunteer hours! We are grateful for the opportunity to help and to support our friends in this community. Please join us next January when we will host Rotating Shelter 2024!

