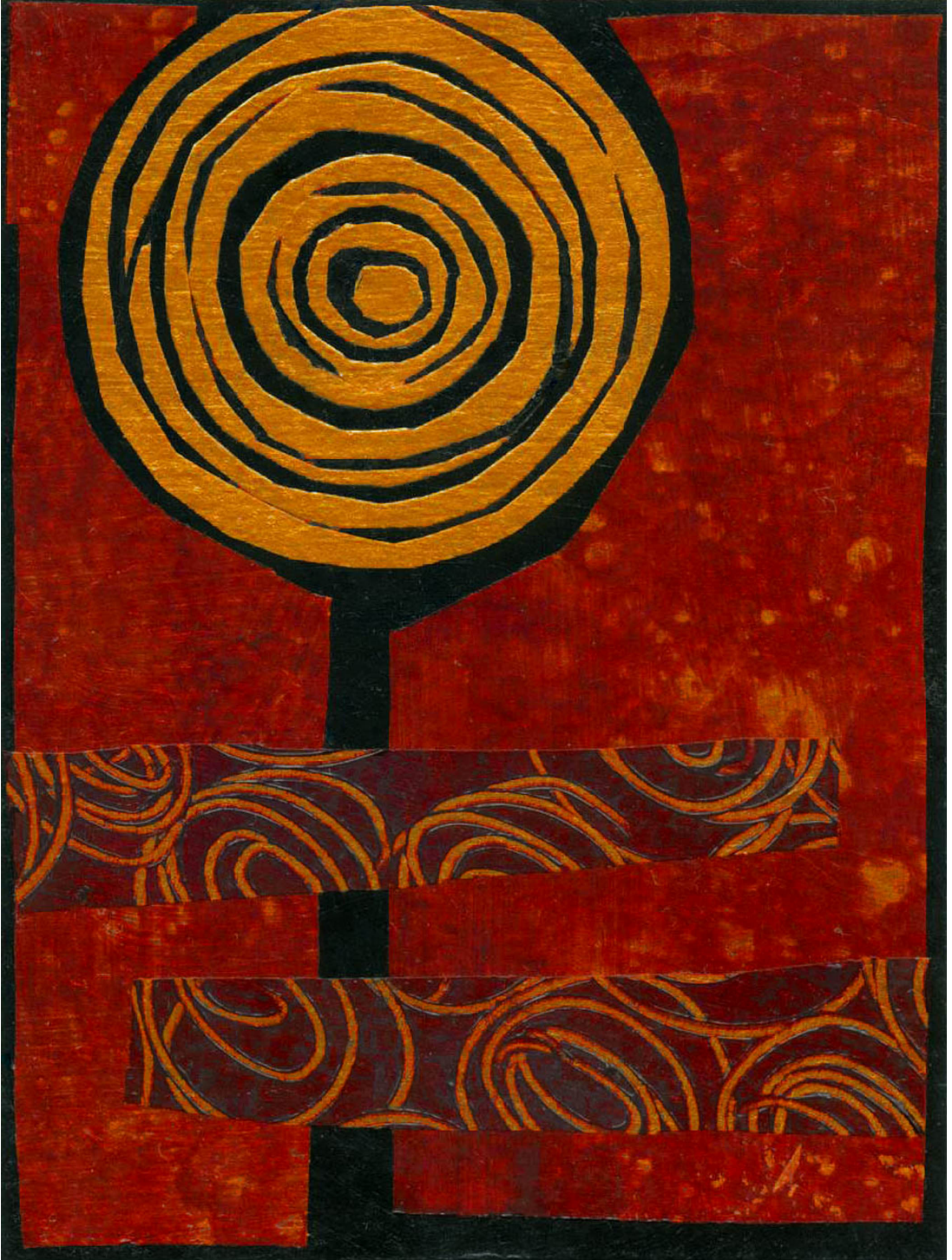




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FOURTH SUNDAY *after* EPIPHANY
January 28, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.



"I Know Who You Are" by Jan Richardson

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Richardson

Arnold Sherman
(b. 1948), is
the founder
and director
of the East
Texas Handbell
Ensemble. He
has composed
more than three
hundred choral
and handbell
pieces.

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Grazioso* Arnold Sherman
Sanctus Ringers

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

All you who are thirsty,
this is the place for water.

All you who are hungry,
this is the place to be fed.

Why spend your earnings on what is not food?
Why pay for that which fails to satisfy?

Here, without money, here, without price,
all may enjoy the bread of heaven.
God speaks, Let us listen and have life.

* HYMN 755 *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing* WEISSE FLAGGEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate Friend, Ever-present Spirit, we are grateful that our
hearts can be open enough to heal,
and grateful to feel the sun of a new day on our faces.

With the fragility of life, we know that these are not given.
We are grateful for veils pulled back. For truth revealed.

Help us never normalize nor grow numb to death dealing ways of
our broken world.
**May your spirit keep us connected to tenderness as we practice
hope and embody love.**

Accompany us with steadfast wisdom and mercy, Oh God....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE Lee Afdahl

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

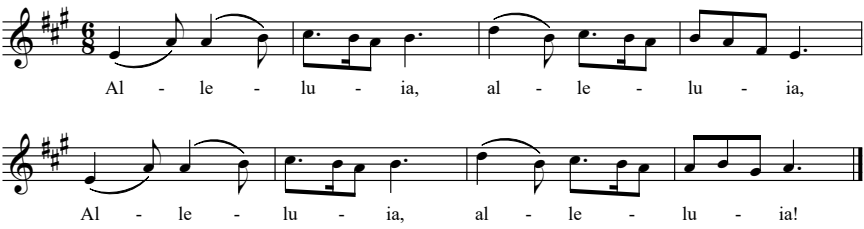
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* 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

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 111

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that’s new,
faithful when we hear Christ’s call.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

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

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Catie and Chris Lelli present their daughter Adeline Catherine Lelli,
born July 12, 2023, for baptism.

Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children are dismissed from their classrooms at the end of worship.

★ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER AND BAPTISM

HYMN *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM

1. Child of blessing, child of promise, bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign, with this
 2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from

wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 God, re - fresh our spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Joseph Haydn
Achieved is the Glorious Work from The Creation
 Chancel Choir

Achieved is the glorious work, our song let be the praise of God,
 Glory to God's name forever, God sole on high exalted reigns.
 Hallelujah.

★ DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise God above ye heavenly host.
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

★ 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.

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 Text the amount you would like to give to
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SCAN ME

SENDING

* HYMN 181 *Silenced! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit* EBENEZER

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Paul Manz
Voluntary on EBENEZER

Soli Deo Gloria
GLORY TO GOD ALONE



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WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here!

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us.

While you are with us today, we would love for you to do two things:

- 1. **Sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.
- 2. **Join us following worship for Social Hour.** There will be cookies and coffee and lots of friendly faces.

Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. The structure is only a three minute walk from the church, and parking is free on Sundays. To get to the church from the structure, cross Forest Avenue and walk down Forest Court to the end of the block.

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Worship Leaders

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
Nathaniel Fryer
Rev. Tommy Langejans
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Hillegonds Chapel
Prayer Partners
Jeanette Kibler
Melissa Kesterson

Musicians
Chancel Choir
Sanctus Ringers

Ushers
Holly Majorprice, captain
Hugh Daly
Greta Krapohl
Aidan Majorprice
Carol Smith
Paul Smith
Angela Yang

Organist
David Hufford
Minister of Music & Fine Arts
David VanderMeer

Lay Reader
Dennis Thompson

New Member Class

Want to join, or have you joined through a Fast-Track recently? Attend the New Member Class today from 4 to 6 pm at the home of David VanderMeer and Brent Ivey. Meet and learn about staff, join with other new members, get to know all things First Pres, and share some warm conversation! All are welcome, including kids. Contact Rev. Rogers to attend and for the address, 734-904-0049.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM

**Contemplative
Communion
Service**
Monteith Hall

9:30 AM

Worship
Sanctuary &
Livestream

9:30 AM

**Children &
Youth Faith
Formation**
Classrooms

10:30 AM

Social Hour
Social Hall

11:00 AM

**Adult Faith
Formation**
Classrooms

11:15 AM

Worship
Monteith Hall

12:30 PM

College Lunch
Youth Room

12:30 PM

**Middle School
Camp Info
Session**
Zoom

4:00 PM

**New Member
Class**
off site

4:00 PM

Youth Group
Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL CHURCH

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, February 4

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, February 4, following 9:30 a.m. worship for the purpose of approving the pastors' terms of call and receiving the 2023 annual report and the 2024 annual budget.

Chili Cookoff

Do you have the Best Chili at First? Do you simply enjoy eating Chili? Well, come on down to our Chili Cookoff on February 4 that follows the annual meeting. You can register to bring a pot and compete or just bring a cold side dish to share at the potluck. Prizes will be awarded. Register at firstpresbyterian.org.

ADULT FORMATION

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Introduction to Play-Making as a Faith-Based Practice

Lewis Room

Led by Diane Tamblyn and Katie Robertson

Play-making, the interaction between playing and making, is a fundamental human need that fuels joyful relationship building, exploration, experimentation, and discovery for people of all ages. It is also a beautiful way to inspire our spiritual journey and communion with God. In this session we will introduce what play-making is, why it is essential to our health and feelings of wholeness, and how we can begin cultivating more play-making into our daily lives.

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

New Testament: Epistles of Peter

French Room & Zoom

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

The Awakened Presence

Curtis Room & Zoom

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

Tuesday, February 13

6:00 p.m. | Social Hall

Come eat breakfast for dinner with us on Shrove Tuesday. Join us in the Social Hall for an all-ages celebration.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Grief Conversations

Beginning on February 19

Grief Conversations will return the third Monday of each month from 12 – 1 online. Join Rev. Rogers for a support group and network of those who grieve, supporting one another and learning to share the burdens. Join us at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5502657984>.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Summer Camp

Hey, kids! Join us for a week of non-stop fun this summer learning the musical drama based on the Exodus story, "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics." We'll have lots of other activities, such as handbells, crafts, games, Bible stories, and more.

The cost is \$75 per camper, and the camp will run from July 29 to August 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a performance on Sunday, August 4. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

WORSHIP

Taizé Prayer Service

Tuesday, February 6

7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

We invite you to come experience a beautiful form of prayer, inspired by the ecumenical community in Taizé, France.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Drive-through Imposition of Ashes

5:30 p.m. Family Service


7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Taizé


Begin the season of Lent by joining us for worship and the imposition of ashes.




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