

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

*Psalm 19*

*Benedetto Marcello*

***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 139*

One: Praise the Lord, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

**All: The Lord has searched us and known us, formed us and made us; the Lord knows our very heart.**

One: Wonderful are the works of the Lord and incomprehensible are his plans for us.

**All: Praise the Lord, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFRODOL

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne**

**Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone!**

**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood**

**Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now**

**Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how**

**Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er**

**Shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"**

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own**

**Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne**

**As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest**

**Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*

**God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we are usually cynical and full of doubt. Forgive us, we pray. Heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth that we may be witnesses to your gospel message; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: In Christ Jesus, God has promised to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other.

**All: Let us receive that forgiveness with joy and share God's peace with others.**

RESPONSE

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFRODOL

**Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay**

**Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day**

**Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea**

**Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one, "May the peace of Christ be with you."

***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

HEBREW BIBLE READING Joshua 1:1-11, 16-17

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

ANTHEM

***Gentle Voice***

*Lee Dengler*

Far above the noise of life, there's a voice that is gently calling.  
"Leave behind your cares and strife. Come to Me. I will give you rest.  
Bring your fear and bring your pain. Bring your anger, and bring your worry."  
Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling, "Come unto Me"?

Gentle voice, so meek and mild; gentle words of understanding.  
"You are my beloved child. Come to Me. I will give you rest.  
Bring your grief and bring your cares. Bring your heartaches and bring your sorrow."  
Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling, "Come unto Me"?

Gentle voice, so full of love. Gentle words, so rich in mercy.  
"You are my beloved child. Come to Me. I will give you rest."

GOSPEL READING Acts 1:15-26

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Tim Reynolds**

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from* The Confession of 1967

**In recognition of special gifts of the Spirit and for the ordering of its life as a community, the church calls, trains, and authorizes certain members for leadership and oversight. The persons qualified for these duties in accordance with the polity of the church are set apart by ordination or other appropriate act and thus made responsible for their special ministries. A presbyterian polity recognizes the responsibility of all members for ministry and maintains the organic relation of all congregations in the church. It seeks to protect the church from exploitation by ecclesiastical or secular power and ambition. Every church order must be open to such reformation as may be required to make it a more effective instrument of the mission of reconciliation.**

TIME FOR REFLECTION

***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus***

*arr. Lani Smith*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION 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.**

HYMN OF SENDING *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move

Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent  
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully  
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee  
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Rigaudon*

*Andre Campra*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Technicians:** Matt Casey (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Brenda Rogoski, Dean and Mary Farmer, Emily Rose, the Landis family, the Goslee family, Mary and Frances Johnson, Beth and Daniel Robertson, Kay Weaver, Harriet Campbell, Frieda Sims, Imogene Posey, Betty McCollum, Aggie Bell, Dotty Barbour, Donna Downen, Douglas Hamilton, and Jennifer Levy-Tatum.

\*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.  
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

## WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary. Our Advent theme is *Those Who Dream...* Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Jan 17	Acts 1:15-26	Restoring the Twelve
Jan 24	Acts 2:1-13	Day of Pentecost
Jan 31	Acts 2:14-41	What Does This Mean?
Feb 7	Acts 2:42-47	The Gospel in Community

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** were given in memory of Pete Denton, from the family.

**THE FEBRUARY SECOND EDITION DEADLINE** is January 20<sup>th</sup>! Contact Audrey at the church office ([ajohnson@2ndpres.org](mailto:ajohnson@2ndpres.org) or 865.523.2189) with your submissions!

## FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**A PASTORAL CARE PAGE** is on our website under the 'About Us' tab. For the password to access, please contact the church office.

**MEALS FOR THE HOMEBOUND:** If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at [flowlilly@gmail.com](mailto:flowlilly@gmail.com) or 865.765.0549.

## DISCIPLESHIP

**JOIN THE TRIPLE P** (Presbyterian Prayer Partners). The Discipleship Team is extending this spiritual growth opportunity of having a prayer partner as we enter the "winter of our discontent." For many reasons, it is important that we stay in contact with each other. Communication can be accomplished by phone, Facetime, Zoom, or snail mail. To participate, go to the homepage of the church website to sign up, or call/email the church office to sign up and leave your name with Audrey (865.523.2189, [ajohnson@2ndpres.org](mailto:ajohnson@2ndpres.org)).

**NEW YEAR BIBLE STUDY:** Our first Bible study of the New Year has been posted on our YouTube channel and on our website. (Under the Wednesday Night Bible Study tab). Pastor Tim is leading us in a study of *the Twelve Major Messages from the Twelve Minor Prophets*. (Not *The Six Great Ends of the church* as previously advertised.) A new lesson will be posted each week and we invite you to study the lesson at your leisure. Then on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12) we will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the lessons from the previous month. This will be a time to bring your questions, comments, and insights and share them with the group.

**FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets at 9:30 a.m. by conference call.

## SERVICE & OUTREACH

**FISH FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Second has participated in the Fish Food Pantry for decades. To continue to effectively carry out this long-time mission of the church, we are very much in need of more participants. We will evaluate the local health and safety factors in early March and hope to restart on Tuesday, March 23rd. Please consider joining the effort. Contact Dick Dodson, [rtdodson52@gmail.com](mailto:rtdodson52@gmail.com) or 865-414-7413 to volunteer.

## STEWARDSHIP

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** were sent last week via e-mail or First Class Mail. If you did not receive one, or if you have questions about your statement, contact Audrey Johnson (865.523.2189 or [ajohnson@2ndpres.org](mailto:ajohnson@2ndpres.org)).

**THE CHURCH BUILDING IS CURRENTLY CLOSED** by order of the Session. The church staff is currently working from home. The vestibule is open Monday through Thursday so that drop offs and deliveries can take place, however, the building is still closed. There should be no reason for anyone to come into the church building. Thank you for your consideration and help to keep everyone safe!

**OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** usually takes place on the the first Sunday of February. The Session will discuss how and when the meeting will take place this year at its Stated Meeting for January. Once a decision has been made as to the time, date, and manner of the Annual Meeting, it will be communicated via email, newsletter, worship announcement, social media, and the Friday e-news.