

3^d Sunday after Epiphany

January 24th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Fantasia in G Minor

J. S. Bach

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 104

One: The Spirit of the Lord is sent forth, and creation comes to life.

All: The Lord looks on the earth and it trembles; the Lord touches the mountains and they smoke.

One: Let us sing to the Lord as long as we live.

All: We will sing praise to God while we have being.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: Praise the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power

Give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour

Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone

Still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears

For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers

In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way

Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by hating our enemies. We disregard your compassion by being quick to point to the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from our sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon creation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance.

All: Let us accept God's grace with gladness, turn from our sins, and be restored to abundant life.

RESPONSE

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame

Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!

We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity

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."

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Profession 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 is seated at 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.

Prayer & Welcome

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Exodus 19:7-9, 16-19

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Believe

Mark Miller

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.

I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God, even when God is silent.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Come, Holy Spirit

Nicolas de Grigny

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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

**Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor

J. S. Bach

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Matt Casey – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Technicians: Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Levy-Tatum family, Brenda Rogoski, Pam Maples, Emily Rose, Mary and Frances Johnson, Imogene Posey, Aggie Bell

*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 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
Feb 14	Acts 3:1-10	Miracle in the Temple

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK were given in memory of Ed Buckner, from Caroline Buckner.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND BUILDING CLOSURE UPDATE: At the January Session meeting this week, the Session decided to wait another month before determining the schedule for returning to in-person worship and reopening the church building. We will continue virtual-only worship and the church building will remain closed through the end of February.

TODAY WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME the following new members into our fellowship: Lindsey Cope, Elizabeth Seastrunk, Zachary Burch and Ginny Williams. Their pictures and bios will be in February's 2nd Edition. Since we are not able to extend the right hand of fellowship in person, why not shoot them a welcome email?

Elizabeth Seastrunk – elizabeth.seastrunk@gmail.com

Zach Burch – zachburch1@gmail.com

Lindsey Cope – lccopester@gmail.com

Ginny Williams – ginnywilliams9@gmail.com

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 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).

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Tim is leading us in a virtual study of the *Major Messages of the Minor Prophets*. A new lesson will be posted on our YouTube channel and on our website each Thursday and we invite you to study the lesson at your leisure. Then on the 2nd 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 or 865-414-7413 to volunteer.

PRESBYTERY HABITAT BUILD: Our congregation will be participating in a Presbytery of East Tennessee Habitat build in Knox County beginning March 20th along with: Bethel (Kingston), Farragut, First Knoxville, First Oak Ridge, Fountain City, Lake Hills, First Lenoir City, Powell, Sequoyah Hills, UKirk at UTK, West Emory, and Westminster. As a Presbytery we have committed to raising \$30,000 towards the cost of the build. Our Session has committed \$5,000 from the John Smartt Sr. endowment fund, but we are still short of our goal as a Presbytery. If you are interested in making an individual contribution to the build, you may do so through the church or directly to Habitat for Humanity, Knoxville.

STEWARDSHIP

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!

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The annual report will be ready and posted online by Thursday, February 4th. Hard copies will be available in the vestibule the week of February 8th for anyone who wishes one. Those on our email list will automatically receive a Zoom invitation. If you are not on our email list but would like an invitation, please email the church office.