

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2021 11:00 AM

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "Festival Toccata on 'St. Anne'" arr. Frederick Swann

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*" George N. Allen, 1844

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.
People: God calls us to build our faith through worship and service.
Liturgist: God calls us to trust his gracious purposes for his church and world.
People: Let us worship our God who is always faithful!

HYMN *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavnly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me. Amen.

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

God of our salvation, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your commandments and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. (continue in silent prayer)

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: God's word does not come to condemn us.
People: God's word revives our souls and brings rejoicing to our hearts.
Liturgist: God's word has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
People: In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven and made new!

RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS *Glory Be to the Father*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55: 1-3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "*Of the Fathers Love Begotten*" 13th Century Plainsong
setting John Carter

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1: 43-51

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SERMON Come and See Rev. Edgar McCall

MUSIC SELECTION "*Andante*" J. S. Bach

AFFIRMATION of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT for STEWARDSHIP and DEDICATION

HYMN *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light. A story of peace and light.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light. Amen.

CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE "*Chorale on 'O Morning Star, How Bright and Fair'*" Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608
setting Michael Burkhardt

Congregational responses are printed in bold.



FAMILIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Buck, Cindy & Zachary Winchester
 Dave Yarborough
 Mary Jo Yarborough

PASTORAL NEEDS: The Session desires to be informed when members and friends of the church are in need of pastoral care and support. During office hours, please call the church at 283-3329, to ensure the elder under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

Prayer Concerns

Unless a prayer request is renewed or the health condition is acute, names will stay on the prayer list for one month.

Please pray for our members: James & Martha Jo Mahaffey; Martha Robinson; Carolyn Hardin; Cindy Ruh; Peggy Bell; David Houk; Derek Cercena.

Friends of the church: Libby Woodruff; Debbie Spaug; Jim Thompson; TJ Wilmore; Michelle Tarantino; Amaryllis Boger; Robert Stephenson, Jr.; Fred Burton; Megan Mathews; Matthew Sweatt; Diane Harrell; Bill & Velta Morris; Jay Rainey; Mark & Debbie Sowell; Mark Francis & family; Scott Thigpen; Anne Hinson; families of Kay Goff & Sonny Mackey.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: January 17, 2021 – January 23, 2021

Sunday	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Session Meeting via Zoom
Monday	Church Office Closed	

BIRTHDAYS: 20 Anne L. Howey

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>01/10/21</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,941.00	\$ 7,882.00
Amount Received	<u>2,915.00</u>	<u>5,325.00</u>
	\$ <u>(1,026.00)</u>	\$ <u>(2,557.00)</u>

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. We are centered in the worship of God and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. As Christ's disciples we strive to build vibrant lives, strong families and a fellowship in which members care for and love one another and together seek the well-being of our city, state and world. By the power of the Holy Spirit we seek to develop a vital preaching and teaching ministry, aimed at drawing men and women to Christ; healing, comforting and nurturing each in the faith; equipping each with the knowledge for service to Christ and effectively obtaining peace in all walks of life.

ONLINE WORSHIP. Please watch for a **NEW** Vimeo online worship link and a **NEW** call in number for those worshipping by phone.

HUNGER & HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK. January 19th- 22nd. We have the opportunity to donate new or gently used winter clothing, as well as nonperishable food items and hygiene supplies. You may drop them off at the **United Way of Lancaster**, 109 S. Wylie St., from 9am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm, **January 11th-14th**. Also, **Grace Presbyterian Church**, 1026 Grace Ave., will accept donations of food items on **Saturday, January 16th** from 10am until 2pm. This will be a drive-by event. **Thank you** for helping to alleviate the suffering of the most vulnerable in our midst.

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** Monday, **January 18th** in observance of the *Martin Luther King, Jr.* holiday.

THESE DAYS devotional guides are in. Please call the church office if you choose not to come inside, and we will leave one for you at the back door.

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES are expressed to James and Martha Jo Mahaffey on the death of his daughter, Pamela Grubbs. Our prayers are extended to bring comfort and peace.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5: 9

PRAY for PEACE

