

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – February 09, 2025 – 9:00 Morning Worship

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE “Give Me Jesus” African American spiritual - arr. Marques L.A. Garrett

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, holy, holy is sovereign God; the whole earth is full of God’s glory.

Tim and Jeff: Holy, holy, holy is sovereign God the whole earth is full of God’s glory.

Holy, holy, holy is sovereign God; the whole earth is full of God’s glory!

Come, let us worship!

OPENING PRAYER

O God, we have searched deep and wide for answers to our questions,

for solutions to our problems and for relief from those things

that threaten to destroy us.

And you have brought us here,

to the last place the worldly-minded think of turning.

Through Jesus Christ, you fill our nets to bursting and renew us in your Holy Spirit.

Thanks and praise to you, our God.

SING

“Jesus Calls Us”

#720

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Inviting God, in the midst of our business-as-usual, you come close;

you draw us in and invite us to go deep.

You assure us that, in the deep places, we will find new life in abundance.

You ask us to trust and to take risks –

to cast ourselves fully into the depths of community

where we will find our true selves and be empowered to serve.

We hear your invitation, but we do not always respond in faith.

Because of fear, habit, and closed hearts, we hold back and do not follow your lead.

When we recognize how we have fallen short,

we can be tempted to run away.

What you offer is what we need,

yet we often reject your love with negative self-talk and resistance.

Search for us again, O Love of our hearts,

and may we be mindful of who we are in your love

so we can become all you have created us to be.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we call, One who is all love answers and gives us strength for our weariness.
Though we fall short, love draws near to us again and again
bringing us out of our fear and resistance
and into our calling as reflections of Christ.

We have strength for the task and love for the journey –
this is our good news today.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:
You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6:1-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:1-11

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Reverend Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"

#334

MOMENT FOR MISSION – MISSION FAIR

Jeff Maras

GIVING OUR GIFTS

Susan leads

DOXOLOGY

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#595

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, whose gifts are overflowing:
as you have poured out love upon your people,
so we seek to give back to you even a little of all you have given to us.
**Take and use the gifts you have entrusted to us,
and which we now offer back to you,
that we in turn might overflow with love for your world.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"Send Me Jesus"

#746

BENEDICTION

**Let us go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

POSTLUDE

“Contradanza”

Manuel Saumell