

Morning Worship—January 28, 2018

4th Sunday after Epiphany

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. *Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Prelude in Classic Style”

by Gordon Young

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May God be gracious to us, and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.

People: That Your way, O God, may be known upon earth, Your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

Leader: For You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere Him.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 420**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; Cleanse us from our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI (579)

GREATOREX, 1851

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Whitney Clarke

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

(440/462)

Psalm 121

ANTHEM

“Holy Lord”

by Benjamin Harlan

SECOND LESSON

(813/855)

1st Corinthians 13:1-13

SERMON

“The Things We Do Not Know”

Rev. Stephen Earl

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal Pg. 14)**

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.**

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 280**

“Amazing Grace”

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music

“Draw Me Close”

arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology 591

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 WORSHIP 357**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

by P. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

“Toccata Giocosa”

by Gilbert Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller’s grandmother), Alice Bradshaw, (Becky Meadema’s Mother), Mary Bray, Nelson R. Clark, Kathy Cropp, Dianne East, Marilyn East, Maurice Katoen, Tim Kernodle, Lee Norman, Nancy Poindexter, Ellen Tunnickuff (Lisa Brown’s Mother), Tom West, Samantha Williams

ON THE MEND— Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris’ Mother), Mack Williams, Nultie Wiseman

Our condolences to Ina Ingram in the passing of her sister.

The Rev. Stephen G. Earl serves as the Associate Presbyterian for Ministry in the Presbytery of the Peaks. In this role he serves as the Pastor to Pastors in the Presbytery, staffs the Committees on Ministry, and supports congregations and clergy in their relationships and development together. Originally from the Seattle area, Steve’s undergraduate degree is in Education from the University of Washington. His Master of Divinity is from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, and his doctoral work was done at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Please give a warm welcome to Rev. Steve Earl as he brings the message this morning.

The flowers today are placed in loving memory of her mother, Katherine Setzer Barrett Buchanan, on the anniversary of her passing into the realm of glory, by Susan and Tommy Mathena.



After 15 years of exemplary service to First Presbyterian, Dick Stoakley is retiring at the end of March. We are grateful to have had him as our Administrator/Business Manager.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in the Business Manager position, please contact the Admin committee or the church office.

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SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	Harriet Beale
Children’s Sunday School	R. Atkinson/C. Moore
	Sara Weller/J. Stowe
Elders at Front Door	E. Blount
Security & Side Door	B. Takata
Visitation	J. Nostrandt
Deacon to Receive Offering	Susan Mathena
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Ray Beale
Time for Young Disciples	Whitney Clarke
Sound System	C. B. Strange
Ushers	Team 4
Flower Ministry	Deacons
Weekend Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Feb. 3rd	F. Baker/J. Brown
Saturday Lunch Attendance Jan. 20	45



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, January 29

9:30a.m. Prayer
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

TUESDAY, January 30

6:15 p.m. Handbells

WEDNESDAY, January 31

6:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, February 1

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, February 2

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, February 3

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, February 4

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
Mid & High School, Rm 112
Outlook Class, Rm 322
Bible Fellowship, Library
Seekers, Rm 109
11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS