

Morning Worship—February 4, 2018

5th 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

Dr. Ramey

PRELUDE

"Prelude on Blessed Assurance"

by Gordon Young

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Trevor Brown

Leader: We gather to worship God, whose creative imagination never fails:

People: For the sake of God, we will search for the outcasts.

Leader: We gather to praise our God, whose steadfast love never weakens:

People: For the sake of Jesus, we will lift up all who have fallen.

Leader: We gather to offer our best to God, who walks with us through eternity:

People: For the sake of the Holy Spirit, we will walk with the weary.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 343**

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We cannot hide from you, Everlasting God, even if we were to go from one edge of creation to the next. You speak to us of compassion, but the ways in which we treat others show we have not been listening. You explain your hopes to us, and we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast, and as far, from you as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus.

Yet you search for us in all the deserted places we flee to, Never-wearied God, so you can take us by the hand to show us the way to life with you. You heal our broken hearts so we can offer them to others. You fill us with your strength so we can bind ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, following him to serve all of your children. In Jesus' name amen.

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

Have you not been listening? God never tires out, nor is there is an expiration date on God's forgiveness. God is ever with us, healing us with mercy, and strengthening us for service.

If God numbers the stars, surely our names are known by the One who loves us and offers us grace. This is indeed good news for all! Thanks be to God. 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

Heather Perryman

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We walk through life, confident, strong, boasting of all our achievements. But God sees the hurts we have inflicted on others, the weariness in our bones from chasing after bad choices, and all the foolishness we trip over in the busyness of life. Let us come to God, for the One who listens to our faltering words is the One who gives us the Word filled with grace and mercy. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Ave Verum"

by W.A. Mozart

GOSPEL LESSON

(716/753)

Mark 10:35-45 (NRSV)

SERMON

"We're Number One!"

Dr. Ramey

***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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music

"The Heart of Worship"

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 371**

"Lift High the Cross"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

by P. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary"

by John Stanley

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), Randolph Bradshaw, MD, (Becky Meadema’s father), Mary Bray, Nelson R. Clark, Kathy Cropp, Dianne East, Marilyn East, Maurice Katoen, Tim Kernodle, Lee Norman, Nancy Poindexter, Ellen Tunnicuff (Lisa Brown’s mother), Tom West, Samantha Williams

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

We will be collecting our “Souper Bowl of Caring” offering today. All monies collected will go to the Saturday Lunch Program.

The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Ramey, Jr. retired Pastor and also Professor of Ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary. Dr. Ramey’s “home” church is First Presbyterian Church. Please give him a warm welcome as he brings the message this morning.

The flowers that enhance our worship are given to the glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren, by Ava and Tom Barrett.

Don’t forget to sign up for Wed. Night Supper we will be having baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and asst. cobblers a-la mode. If you signed up for the cancelled meal we kept your reservation. Team 2 is in charge. Program: Missionaries—Gartrells.

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	L. Blount & M. Meadors
Children’s Sunday School	Whitney & Catie Clarke
	Lisa & Lia Argyrakis
Elders at Front Door	E. Blount
Security & Side Door	F. Baker
Visitation	Kathy Dolianitis
Deacon to Receive Offering	Kent Shelton
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Crane
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Trevor Brown
Time for Young Disciples	Heather Perryman
Sound System	David Parris
Ushers	Team 1
Flower Ministry	Deacons
Weekend Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Feb. 10th	D. Parris/Westover
Saturday Lunch Attendance Jan. 27	53

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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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, February 5

- 9:30a.m. Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:30p.m. PW Day Circle
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Circle, G. Baucom
310 Sutherlin Place

FRIDAY, February 9

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, February 10

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

TUESDAY, February 6

- 6:15 p.m. Handbells

WEDNESDAY, February 7

- 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, February 8

- 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, February 11

- 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