

The Worship of God
3rd Sunday after Epiphany – January 24, 2021 – 10:30 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the community gathers, you are each invited to consider the question:

"What do you like to be called?"

Some of us use our given names.

Some of us use nicknames.

Some of us use chosen names.

What do you like to be called?

Please type your answers in the chat.

Come, let us worship.

SING

"In God Alone"

#814

OPENING PRAYER

God who calls,

we gather together and wonder what it sounds like, what it feels like,
what will occur when you call us.

We have set aside this precious time to ponder the question

of who we are when you are with us, and who you are when we are with you.

Call to us and awaken us to your invitation.

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we hear God calling us onward, sometimes it can be hard to leave things behind;
such things as hurts and grief, disappointment or success,
material possessions, family, friends.

We acknowledge that for some of us gathered here,

there might be things we need to leave behind so we can move forward into God's future.

For some of us, the concern on our heart might be those things our church,

our community, and our world need to leave behind to move forward.

As Jesus called the fishers to leave behind

their nets and boats and way of life to follow and learn from him,
so we are invited to discern the things we might leave behind.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has called us.

God is calling us.

We come through the holy mystery and know ourselves as forgiven to forgive.

**May we hear God's voice when we listen to one another,
may we be God's voice when we speak to one another.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

look into each other's eyes and say to one another, "the peace of God is in you."

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 62:5-12

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

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

REFLECTION

Rev. Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

#721 VS 1, 3

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#607

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God who calls us by name, shouting truth in the streets,

we dedicate a gift of gratitude to you for your use.

We have toiled and felt the weight of futility.

**So, we come now in earnest hope and faith to offer what we have,
do what we can, and let go of the outcome.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT WINDOW

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#307

SENDING FORTH

And now we share in a common practice of blessing one another.

We will repeat it twice.

We may fail; God does not.

We may end; God does not.

Bless and be blessed. Amen.

POSTLUDE