

*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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200TH ANNIVERSARY 2022



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 22, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list, too. Welcome!

Prelude

"Meditation"

Benoit

Choral Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn 396

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

Christ calls us to follow, knowing that we are human. Jesus knows we are not perfect. He knows we will not always get it right. All he asks is that we try, learn, and try again. Let us go to God, telling how we have tried and failed, that God may teach us what we must learn.

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world.

Assurance of God's Grace

Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us. Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve, let us answer Christ's call.

Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us.

Thanks be to God!

Response

"Gloria Patri"

Hymn 581

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, amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (QR code is located on the back page for your convenience)

Offertory Anthem

"God Be in My Head"

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God be at mine end and at my departing.

Doxology

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.

Prayers of the People

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 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (page 991)

Sermon

"No Divisional Championship"

Rev. Steve Frazier

A Service for Ordination and Installation

There are different gifts, **but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God, **but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different men and women in different ways,

but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit, **to use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, **and individually members of him.**

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if he wants to be first among you, he must be the slave of all."

The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life to set others free.

Mr. Moderator, on behalf of the members of the church, I bring **Michele Graupmann** to be ordained as an elder.

Michele, God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen. I ask you these questions so you may affirm your faith, your discipleship and your dependence on God's amazing grace:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of the world and head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's word to you?

Will you be instructed by the Confessions of our church, and led by them as you lead the people of God?

Will you be an elder in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and continually guided by our Confessions?

Do you endorse our church's government, and will honor its discipline? Will you be a friend among your comrades in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's word and Spirit?

Will you govern the way you live, by following the Lord Jesus Christ, loving neighbors, and working for the reconciliation of the world?

Will you seek to serve people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over people, providing for their worship and instruction? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in courts of the church; and, in you ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

The Laying on of Hand and the Prayer of Ordination – All ordained elders are invited forward.

Almighty God: in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with your Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live. Amen.

Michele, you are now an elder in the Church and for this congregation. Whatever you do, I word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Welcome to Christ's ministry of reconciliation, hospitality, and love.

Mr. Moderator: Elders **Diane Griffin** and **Michael Broadhurst** having been elected again to active service by the vote of this congregation may now be installed to office.

Diane and Michael, you have been called again to a position of special leadership in the church. Do you welcome the work for which you have been chosen, and will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in his promises through Jesus Christ our Lord?

* Questions to the Congregation – Those who are able are invited to stand

Do we, members of the church, accept Michele, Michael and Diane as elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church? **We do.**

Let us pray:

God of grace, who called us to common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

Hymn 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

Benediction

Postlude

“Rigaudon”

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Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary



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Week of January 22- Prayers of the People

- Kerry Westerwick
- Frances Hasty
- Paul Butler
- Lane Pittman
- Becky Kullman (Alyssa Furman's Grandmother)
- Rusty and Iris Vann (Matthew's Grandparents)
- Mae Holoman
- Robert Norfleet
- Greg Graupmann
- Monica Manley