



# First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 16, 2022

Early Service - 8:15

Sunday School - 9:10-10:10

Worship Service - 10:30

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

# Gathered As God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Adagio from Op. 65, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

\*Call to Worship

Come and see the grace of God,

**Christ our teacher and our friend.**

Come and see the son of God,

**Christ our healer and salvation.**

God is moving in this place.

**Come and see! Come and see!**

\*Hymn #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

Prayer of Confession

**God of abundant mercy,**

**you embodied love for us in the life of Jesus Christ.**

**You ate with sinners and shared with outcasts.**

**You loved with boldness and healed with grace.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we do not trust your love:**

**when we doubt whether we are worthy of your care.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we try to cheapen love:**

**when we limit it to shallow feelings instead of bold actions.**

**Help us, O God, when we cannot feel your love,**

**when we are isolated, afraid, and unable to see your presence.**

**Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.**

**Free us to try again,**

**and let your love lead the way through Jesus Christ. Amen (Silent Prayer)**

Assurance of Grace

*\*Gloria #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.*

(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children's Activity Time following the Gloria and they may be picked up in the nursery after the 10:30 worship service)

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Ed Lancaster 8:15  
Mark Bridges 10:30

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 62: 1-5

OT p. 692

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Interlude

Toccata in B Flat Major

Johann Pachelbel

Scripture Lesson

Acts 16: 9-15

NT p. 136

Sermon

Vision and Direction for the New Year

Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller

## Responding To God's Word

\*Hymn #169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

\*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's Creed)

**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.**

Prayers of the People and 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**

Offertory

Toccata in G Minor

Johann Pachelbel

*\*Doxology #607*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

\*Hymn #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

Benediction

Postlude

Concerto Allegro on "Unser Herrscher"

Dale Nickell

\*Please stand as able

Please sign the red friendship pad at the end of each pew, so we will know who is worshipping with us today.

## Upcoming Dates:

January 17 - Church office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day

January 30 - 5th Sunday offering

### Care List

The **Care list** is a list of members and friends who are sick, bereaved, or celebrating a happy occasion. After reading their names, you may want to write a short message to someone on the list.

Our Prayers... Sue Chiles, Nancy Bretz, (sister of Dorothy Duncan), Barbara Barlar (mother of Janet McAlister), Joe Pugh (brother of Ann Lewis), Gloria Bryson (mother of Ellen Ludwig), Bob Sweeney, Imogene Nelson, Greg Baxter, Lynn Carroll (father of Margaret Piper), Joe Graham III, Will Green, Waymon Hickman, Cathy Krenz (sister of Mary McClanahan), Steve and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Keith Vandegrift and Lana Bell (our missionaries in Guatemala). Kristin Gwaltney (niece of Jennie Grace Jewell).

## **Dates to Remember**

Wednesday: 7:00-8:00 Adult Choir

First Presbyterian Church of Columbia follows the guidelines of the Maury County Public School System for inclement weather, all church activities are cancelled and the church office will be closed if Maury County Schools are closed.

In a special called meeting on Sunday, January 9, the Session voted to suspend our Wednesday evening activities until Ash Wednesday, March 2, due to the alarming rise in COVID cases in Maury County. Worship services will continue as will the various small group gatherings on Sunday and throughout the week, such as Sunday school, committee/officer meetings, and women's Bible circles.

Masks continue to be strongly recommended at all activities. Social distancing should also be observed as much as possible.

The Session is grateful for the outstanding work of the COVID Response Team within our congregation. We will continue to monitor this situation and will keep you informed of any additional changes.

# Ministers of the Church

## Ruling Elders

### Class of 2022

Jack Baxter

Gloria Dale

Martha Jones

Lee Maddox

Julia West

### Class of 2023

Dorothy Duncan

Dan Garman

Michael McAlister

Jim Ross

Dawn Taylor

### Class of 2024

Mary Beth Cotham

Tony Khim

Ed Lancaster

Craig Lorch

Paula Thomas

## Board of Deacons

### Class of 2022

Erin Hedrick

Raven Martin

Kristi Martin

Alan Phillips

Jenny Sloan

### Class of 2023

Janice English

Houston Jameson

Zach Maddux

Sharon Shaw

Joann Lorch

### Class of 2024

Brian Allred

Jessica Elam

Bill Handy

Lynne Hendrickson

Katie Ledbetter

## Staff

Rev. Mark Mueller, Transitional Pastor; Susie Baxter, Director of Christian Education;  
Renea Foster, Administrative Assistant; Carroll Kilgore, Business Administrator;  
James Marshall, Sexton; Dale Nickell, Director of Music Ministry