

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 1.7.24
1st Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Heavenly God, when Jesus was baptized by John in the wilderness, you let the world know that he was your beloved Son. Call us as your disciples and your children, so that we may inherit and invite others into your glorious kingdom. Amen.

Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism
and be thankful.

Prelude *O Worship the King* Arr: John Carter

***Call to Worship**

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:
That it is not we who chose Christ,
but Christ who chose us,
That we are not here because of our goodness
but because of Christ's grace,
That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
but to allow Christ to enlighten us,
That we have not come to be entertained
but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

***Hymn of Praise** *O Worship The King #476*

*1 O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*2 O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,*

*His chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.*

*3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.*

Call to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God,
laying our burdens down at his throne.

Laying Our Burdens Before Christ

Forgive us when we listen to the voices which tell us to put our trust in whatever institution can increase our wealth; in whatever breakfast food can expand our brainpower, in whatever mode of transport can get us anywhere faster, cheaper, more comfortably. Renew our trust in you and help us to use this time to deepen our relationship with you and to re-align our priorities with yours so that we may follow you out into the world as your disciples. Amen.

Prayer Song Jesus, Name Above All Names #2071 Sing the Faith
*Jesus, name above names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.*

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life. The kingdom of God has come near! Amen and Alleluia!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of Christ! If you are worshiping online with us, please share your peace with us in the comments.

***The Gloria Patri**

Prayer for God's Wisdom

Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. Amen

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-20

Message

And He's Off!

***Hymn of Response**

Two Fishermen STF 2101

*1) Two fishermen, who lived
along the Sea of Galilee,
stood by the shore to cast
their nets into an ageless sea.
Now Jesus watched them from afar,
then called them each by name.
It changed their lives,
these simple men;
they'd never be the same.
"Leave all things you have
and come and follow me."*

*2) And as he walked along the shore
'twas James and John he'd find,
and these two sons of Zebedee
would leave their boats behind.
Their work and all they held so dear
they left beside their nets.
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called;*

*they came without regret.
"Leave all things you have
and come and follow me."*

*3)O Simon Peter, Andrew,
James, and John beloved one,
you heard Christ's call
to speak good news
revealed to God's own Son.
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene
who traveled with your Lord,
you ministered to him
with joy for he is God adored.
"Leave all things you have
and come and follow me."*

*4)And you, good Christians,
one and all who'd follow Jesus' way,
come leave behind
what keeps you bound
to trappings of our day,
and listen as he calls
your name to come and follow near,
for still he speaks in varied ways
to those his call will hear.
"Leave all things you have
and come and follow me."*

Prayers of the Community and Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory *Wade In the Water* Arr: Chuck Marohnic

***Doxology**

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*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**

Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose. We dedicate the gifts we give as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people, inviting others into a deeper, more profound relationship with you. Amen.

***Benediction**

Postlude

All Creatures Who Have Been Baptized

Arr: John Behnke

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: *(Lord, hear our praise):* For all the church members who helped make the celebration of Christ's birth spectacular.

Ministry of the Church in the Community:

Healing and Encouragement *(Lord, hear our prayer):*

Homebound: Jean, Ernie, Carlene and Wayne, Les, Sheri and Jim, Connie S

For those seeking healing and comfort: Family and friends of Don S as they mourn his loss, Dan & Sam, those with health concerns, David, Mary Jo, Matthew, Don B, Gene, Kevin, Denny, Chelsea, Dorothy, Peggy's family, Tracey, Shannon, Freya and family, Katelyn, Ross, Preston, George, Corban, Nicholas F & his family, Cindy & Steve, Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel.

For Our Community: Those who are impacted by the flu, RSV, and Covid.

Psalm of Encouragement:

*May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!
Psalm 29:11*

Upcoming Events:

Congregational Meeting-January 21 following worship to approve Pastors' terms of call and election of officers

Ordination & Installation of Officers-January 28 in worship

Community Fellowship Night Dinner will start back up Jan 24!

Scout Sunday is February 4th. Stay tuned for details!

On-line donations are now being accepted. If you wish to support the church ministry by donating with your credit or debit card, click on the "Give Now" link on the church webpage, www.fpclagrande.org, or use the QR code.

