

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 1.21.24
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Lord of forgiveness, you healed a paralytic by forgiving his sins. Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to walk in your ways. Amen.

Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism
and be thankful.

Prelude

Lord of the Dance *arr Joel Raney*

***Call to Worship**

From Isaiah 43

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing, says our God.

Now it springs forth—do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

For I will give drink to my chosen people,

the people I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise!

***Hymn of Praise**

I Danced in the Morning #302

*1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

Refrain:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.*

*I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]*

*3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]*

*4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]*

*5 They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]*

Call to Confession

Our God has been so gracious to us. Let us lay our burdens before Christ, confessing to God and each other the ways in which we have failed to behave with the same graciousness. Let us pray together...

Laying Our Burdens Before Christ

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins and we forget your mercy. Cleanse us and heal us from all our offenses. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires when we witness your love and grace working in others. May we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength. 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**

Our God has been gracious to us and has raised us up. In the forgiveness we have received, God has upheld us and placed us in his presence forever. 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

Holy God, by your Spirit, speak to us as we listen to and transformed by your Word. Amen!

Scripture Reading

Mark 2:1-12

Message

***Hymn of Response**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #298

*1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.*

*2 For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.*

Prayers of the Community and Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory *Sing Unto the Lord* arr Mark Hayes

***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**

God, you say yes to each and every one of us, affirming your promises of forgiveness and healing. And so we say yes to you by dedicating these offerings to the expansion of your kingdom on earth for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Benediction**

May you have Spirit filled friends who would dig through a thatched roof for you and bring you into the presence of Jesus. May you be the Spirit-filled friend who would dig through a thatched roof to get others into the presence of Jesus. And may you hear Christ say to you and to all you have guided to his presence, "You are forgiven, you are made whole, pick up your mat and walk!" Go in peace!

Postlude *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart* arr Robert Hobby

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: *(Lord, hear our praise):*

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Koinonia House

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: Friends and family of Bobi Souder (who passed away in December) as they mourn her loss, Katherine, Mary Jo, Matthew, 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 Nation: Those impacted by the extreme weather

Psalm of Encouragement:

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

I shall not be shaken.

Psalm 139:4

Upcoming Events:

Congregational Meeting Immediately following worship today

Ordination & Installation of Officers-January 28 in worship

Community Fellowship Night Dinner will start back up Jan 24!

Evening Prayer January 23 7PM

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.

