

January 19, 2020

Eleven O'clock

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*We're delighted that you're here! Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubts, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*Come, Let Us Worship God* Ray Makeever  
*Come, let us worship God. Come, let us worship God.*  
*Come, let us worship God. Come, let us worship God.*  
*Welcome everyone Welcome everyone*  
*to the love of God. to the love of God.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 40:1-3a

I waited and waited for God, and at last God heard my cry.  
**God leaned down to me and pulled me up out of the miry bog.**  
God set me down on solid ground and gave me a steady stride.  
**God put a new song within my heart, a hymn of praise for the world to hear.**  
Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 339

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* LIFT EVERY VOICE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\*

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we have tried to hide from you for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, passing by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness. Give us strength to choose your will, that in our lives others may come to see the saving light of Christ.

\*KYRIE 577

*Lord, Have Mercy* KYRIE ELEISON(Reindorf)

*Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.*  
*Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD(Vasile)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,*  
*and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,*  
*and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.*

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

*(Please greet one another with: "The peace of Christ be with you." / "And also with you.")*

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SUNG INVITATION

*Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.*  
*We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.*

FOCUS ON CHILDREN

Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 49:1-7

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-42

Holy wisdom, holy Word.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Faithful Failing* Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A New Creed, United Church of Canada*

We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

FOCUS ON MISSION

Rise Against Hunger

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.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row. To be directed to our online giving site, please use your smartphone to scan here:*



THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY 607

OLD HUNDRETH

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

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 656

*We've Come This Far by Faith* THIS FAR BY FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Our Going and Coming*

*Our going and coming,*  
*our end and beginning,*  
*are safe in your keeping,*  
*God, our endless blessing.*

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

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**WE WELCOME VISITORS** Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at [www.fpcbham.org](http://www.fpcbham.org).

**IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME**, our Session meets on the *first Sunday of the month* in the Chapel following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

**FOR CHILDREN:** Children’s bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. We love having kids in worship, but the following alternatives are also available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 go to the balcony, where they experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children’s bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord’s Supper or Baptism are celebrated, children return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

**LET THE BELLS PLAY!** Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Please use the Prayer Request and Information Change cards, found in the pew rack, to relay information to the church office. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office and place it in the offering plate.

**SERMONS** are available from our website at [www.fpcbham.org](http://www.fpcbham.org).

**The LITURGIST** for today is Mark Aldridge.

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

## MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**FIRST LIGHT, INC.** is a mission center of FPC, giving shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light’s website: [www.firstlightshelter.org](http://www.firstlightshelter.org)

**RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO)** has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact [chaplain@rutbandnaomi.org](mailto:chaplain@rutbandnaomi.org).

**THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER** provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center’s website is [www.eprcdc.com](http://www.eprcdc.com)

**FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA**, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at [daniel@faal.org](mailto:daniel@faal.org).

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION** provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation’s annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

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