

4th Sunday after Epiphany/Annual Congregational Meeting
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 *Prelude in E flat* B. Marcello

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO ORDER and OPENING PRAYER

*INTROIT *Come, Let Us Worship God* (responsive) Ray Makeever
Come, let us worship God. Come, let us worship God.
Food for the hungry. Rest for the weary. Welcome everyone to the love of God.
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*CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 6:6-8

With what shall I come before God, and bow myself to the One on high?
Shall I come before God with burnt offerings or yearling calves?
 Would God be pleased with thousands of rams or rivers of oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn, the fruit of my body, for the sin of my soul?
 God has told you, mortal, what is good; and you know what God requires of you:
To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.
 Let us worship God.

*HYMN 301 *Let Us Build a House (1-3)* TWO OAKS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, you call us to serve you by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you; but we complicate things. We fixate on unimportant matters, and erect theological barriers that make us question our own faith and keep others from following you. Forgive us, we pray, and free us from our own tangled doubts, that we may find clarity and joy in serving you by serving others, and helping to create a more just, kind, and loving world.

*KYRIE 577 *O 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

2019 REVIEW: Worship, Music & Arts; Faith Formation; Congregational Life

ANTHEM

The King of Love my Shepherd Is

arr. D. Johnson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON/PASTOR'S REPORT *Humble, Unguarded Faith* Rev. Hamilton-Poore

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House (4-5)

TWO OAKS

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Cat Goodrich

2019 REVIEW: Deacons; Invitation & Integration; Mission, Justice & Service

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.**

2019 REVIEW: Administration & Finance; Property; Stewardship

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

Just as I am

arr. V. Johnson

*THE DOXOLOGY 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise....

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

To receive, please come forward to the station nearest you, take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice, and eat. The center station contains gluten-free, dairy free bread.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

*CLOSING PRAYER and LUNCH BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

Trumpet March

J. Clarke

MEETING CONTINUES WITH LUNCH IN MATTHEWS HALL!

Lunch
 Budget Report
 Questions for Team Leaders
 Table Discussion
 Sharing Responses
 Closing Prayer

*Please stand as you are able.

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.

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.

The LITURGIST for today is Marylyn Eubank.

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

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@ruthandnaomi.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

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.

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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