



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday January 14, 2018, 10:30 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

*Please stand if able

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Old Testament lesson from 1 Samuel informs its reader that "the word of the Lord was rare in those days" – the chosen people are living in a season of emptiness and corruption. In this sullied context, God calls the child, Samuel, who has a simple response, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." The words Samuel is called to share are words of harsh judgment. Yet he does not flinch from speaking this truth.

PRELUDE

Adoration

Richard Purvis

WORDS OF WELCOME

(Please circulate the friendship forms found in the aisle seats.)

Rev. Robert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Harold Robison

L: Come to us this day, O God;

P: come to us with light.

L: Speak to us this day, O God;

P: speak to us your truth.

L: Dwell with us this day, O God;

P: dwell with us in love.

L: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, you have touched us with your grace and awakened us by your Spirit. We are deeply grateful but confess that sometimes we don't act very grace-filled or spiritually awake. So where our familiarity with the Gospel has desensitized us to its demanding truth; where our relationship with Jesus Christ has become more nostalgic than dynamic; where our passion to be your body has grown lukewarm; send your grace and mercy. Forgive us, restore us, and strengthen us, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri – 579

*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 and Amen.*

*Passing the Peace and Greetings

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kirsten Trachsel

(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for music time after the Children's Moment. Younger children thru K may remain in the nursery and older children will return to the worship service.)

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

Silesian Folk Song/arr. Martin How

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation, Jesus of God and Mary the Son;

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, O thou my soul's delight and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the verdure and bloom of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; he makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair are the flowers, fairer still the sons of men, in all the freshness of youth arrayed;

Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting; my Jesus, thine will never fade.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: as your word is read today, anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (pages 577, 578 in pew Bible)
I Samuel 3:1-10 (page 247 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Robison
Rev. Martin

L. This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Call and Response

Rev. Robert Martin

*HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Good Works)

Keith Wasserman

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Robert Martin

Choral Response

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Paul Hofreiter

***Doxology - 592 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 (in unison)

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Child, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 522

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

LAND OF REST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Choral Response

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach

On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.

Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."

Worshiping With Children

- * AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children's Corner.
- * Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- * Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- * Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- * Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- * All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children's Moment.

The family of Nick Dinos wants to thank our church family for the cards, flowers, fruit, visits, prayer shawl, and prayers during Nick's long illness. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." We are pleased to be a part of such a caring congregation.
~ Lillian Dinos and family

The three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and festivals was produced by the ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts in 1992. This lectionary provides scripture readings for proclamation in worship, following the Sundays, festivals, and seasons of the Christian year (or liturgical calendar). Four scripture passages are given for each Sunday and festival: (a) the First Reading, usually from the Old Testament, but replaced by a reading from Acts during the season of Easter; (b) a Psalm; (c) the Second Reading, an Epistle or other New Testament writing; and (d) the Gospel Reading, from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. The three-year lectionary cycle (Years A, B, and C) focuses on different sections of scripture each year, notably the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C (the fourth gospel, John, is prominently featured at certain times in each year).

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 14, 2018, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel	John 1:43-51

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

12 "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. 13 "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." 17 But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Gospel John 1:43-51

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael asked him, "Where did you come to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

You can watch a broadcast of FPC Worship service on Athens Community Television.
Schedule
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Monday through Friday
and
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday.

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A friend to call in time of need

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Liturgist - Harold Robison

Chancel Prep - Harvey Ballard

Acolytes - Alexia Gyftopoulos and Abbey Heinrich

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**Church Activities for the Week**

**SUNDAY, January 14th**

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School for all ages, various rooms

9:45 A.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room

10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3

10:30 A.M. - Minute for Mission and Ordination/Installation  
of new officers during Worship, Sanctuary

Following Children's Moment - Children's Church,  
classrooms

11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3

11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall

No Earth Justice Group meeting

**MON., 15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**Church office is closed**

Noon - Al-Anon, library

6:00-8:30 P.M. - Calliope Choir rehearsal, fellowship hall

**TUES., 16th - Noon - Bible Study, Library**

5:30 P.M. - Soup Supper and Reading the Bible in a Year  
Study, fellowship hall (*see page 3 in January Windows*)

**WED., 17th - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library**

10:00 A.M. - Staff/Worship Committee meeting, Putnam  
House

6:00 P.M. - Bell choir rehearsal, bell choir room

7:00 P.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

**THURS., 18th - 6:30 P.M. - Church Community Committee  
meeting, library**

7:30 P.M. - Session meeting, fellowship hall

**FRI., 19th - 2017 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE IN OFFICE**

**SAT., 20th - 2:00 P.M. - Memorial Service for Lyle McGeoch,  
Sanctuary**

Reception to follow, fellowship hall

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SUNDAY, January 21st - Food Pantry Sunday

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School for all ages, various rooms

9:45 A.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room

10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3

10:30 A.M. - Puppets during Worship, Sanctuary
Following Children's Moment - Children's Church,
classrooms

11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3

11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall

11:45 A.M. - Confirmation class, lounge

MON., 22nd - February Newsletter Deadline

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**Annual Reports DUE THIS COMING FRIDAY**  
**Annual reports are due BY Friday January 19th**  
**Please drop off, mail or email to the church office.**

**FPC Capital Campaign** - This month kicks off the new capital campaign to raise funds for the repair of the church elevator, a much needed renovation and repair of the organ, and continued outreach to the world in mission. Rooted in our faith, the campaign calls for vital investments in our church home, in our music ministry, and in our mission outreach. Focused on our future, the campaign aims to create a fund to provide for the needs of new generations, without compromising our endowment or our ongoing ministries and programs.

During the initial phase of this 2018-2021 campaign, you are encouraged to make an outright financial gift, or a pledge that can be paid off over a three-year period. Every congregational member will be asked to consider making a commitment to this Capital Campaign. This campaign provides an opportunity for each of member to reflect about your deepest commitments in life — to consider the place that God, God's church, and its work take in your lives. Please prayerfully consider your commitments. (Please see full article in the January newsletter - *The Window*, available on line and hard copies in narthex)

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From Saturday Night Suppers to "In Church Progressive dinner" - An in-church version of Saturday evening suppers, i.e. there will be groups with each person or couple bringing a salad, main dish, and dessert. Each group will have special guests, newer church members. These special guests will progress from group to group with each course, so they will be able to get to know people in three groups. This will take place on February 3rd (snow date - February 10th). All groups will gather in fellowship hall for appetizers before going to respective tables. Sign-up sheets will be in fellowship hall in early January.

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**2018 Per Capita - \$33.00** - Please consider donating the per capita assessed by the Presbyterian Church USA per member. Your donation helps stretch the FPC budget dollars. It can be mailed to the office or placed in the offering plate.

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College Lunch New - College lunches will move to Thursdays this coming semester. Lee Gregg is taking the lead. Wendy Toadvine will be contacting people. If you are interested in cooking, baking or volunteering - contact Lee Gregg or the church office

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**Fourth Sunday Food Pantry Sunday** - Fourth Sunday of each month. Canned goods, non-perishables and monetary donations are always needed and welcomed. Use the brown envelopes on the back of the pew (check Food Pantry) for monetary donations. Food donations can be dropped off at the church or church office. Contact Dan Neason (592-2823), FPC representative, for more info.

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Trail Mix Ministry Assembly - Snack bags are assembled the fourth Sunday of each month, 10:00-10:20 a.m. and 11:35 a.m.-Noon in Fellowship Hall. Monetary (use the brown giving envelopes and mark Trail Mix on it) and in kind donations for this ministry is appreciated.