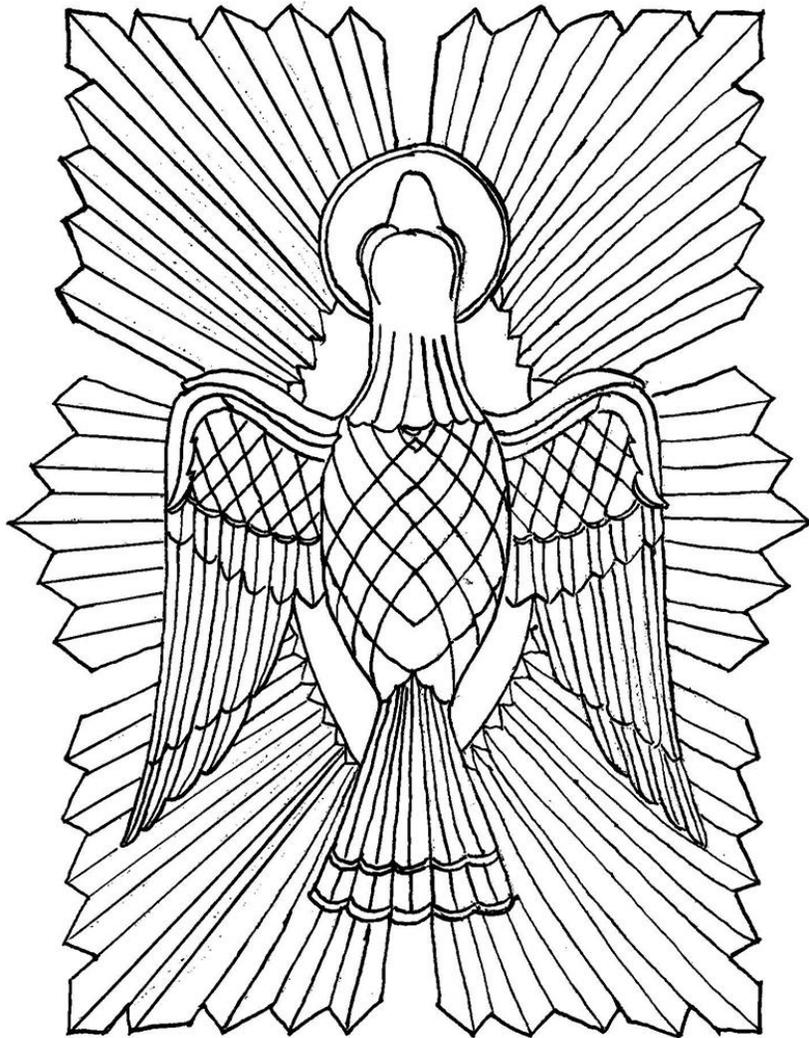


First Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends of the earth with love, faith and action.

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday after Epiphany



Luke 3:21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as He was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove.



We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"My Lord, What A Morning"

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Call to Worship

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

For with you, O God, is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

*Hymn

["Make a Joyful Noise to God!"](#)

No. 54

Prayer of Confession

Ed McLeod

Merciful God, out of abundant love, you continue to reveal yourself to us. You come to us as love and mercy, show yourself to us as justice and power. You are always at work, but too often we fail to notice your presence. Too often we forget that your love for us is unending. Forgive us, Mighty Savior, and reorient our lives to you. Help us reclaim the joy of our salvation and share that delight with others. Hear now our particular confessions offered in silence...

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

*Gloria Patri | 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, Amen.

We Celebrate our Life Together

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Recognition of Elder Emeriti

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession 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.**

Congregational Response to Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

We Listen to God's Word

A Moment for Children (11:00)

Ed McLeod

Scripture Readings

Amos 9:13-15; John 2:1-11

Sermon

"Initial Public Offering"

Laurie Taylor Weicher

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

["Called as Partners in Christ's Service"](#)

No. 761

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

An Invitation to Generosity

*Offertory

(8:30) "At the River"

arr. Aaron Copland

Kathy Johnson, Soprano

(11:00) "Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. John Carter

Chancel Choir; Andy Eaton, Director

*Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

*Hymn

["Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!"](#)

No. 305

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.

*Postlude

"Postlude on Two Spirituals"

Charles Callahan

* All those who are able may stand.

The Chancel flowers are given with praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God by the Vanguard class. We pause on this Sunday to reflect on 206 years of members serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends of the earth through faith, love and action at First Presbyterian.

Upcoming Events

FPC Book Club 2022

We invite you to read *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd - An extraordinary story set in the first century about a woman who finds her voice and her destiny. Join us for a Zoom discussion of it on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to receive the Zoom link! Go to www.fpcraleigh.org/bookclub

FPC Month of Service: January

In lieu of our annual FPC Day of Service on MLK day, this entire month of January is the FPC Month of Service! Individuals and/or family units can complete their own acts of service and share the results with the congregation. Examples include Habitat for Humanity, donating blood with the American Red Cross and volunteering at the Receptionist Desk here at the church! Find a link on our home page for more suggestions or create your own service project. Take pics of you or your pod in action and send them to Kathy Johnson so we can publish your pictures in the February newsletter.

Young Adult Hangout: Thursday, January 27

Young adults are invited to Bowstring Pizza and Brewery at 1930 Wake Forest Road in Raleigh on Thursday, January 27 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Come by after work for a beer or some pizza or just to hang out. Masks are required inside and we'll gather outside. Email Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher at lweicher@fpcraleigh.org with any questions.

All **Upcoming Events** can be found on our website www.fpcraleigh.org under the **Church Life** menu.

Reminders

FPC Shares Donations for January

The item for the month of January is canned fruit or applesauce. We ask that you drop off your donations at one of the receptacles located in the Edge Lobby or in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space right outside of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support to strengthen this mission of the church and our local food pantries.

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