



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 26, 2020
Third Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 A.M

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CENTERING PRAYER

God, our light and our salvation, Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men. Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

There is a Balm in Gilead

Martha Kaulbach

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

McLean Allen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

God has brought great joy to the nations.

People rejoice, because of all that God has done.

God has broken the yoke that burdened them and the rod that beat their shoulders.

God has shone the light of his love upon us and set us free.

Let us worship God!

*MORNING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different,

and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

(our prayer continues in silence)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsive)

God's light has come. Salvation is poured out on those who accept it.

God is gracious and reaches out to welcome us.

We are free to accept the invitation to follow Jesus.

And we are free to share God's Good News of forgiveness.

I declare unto you that in Jesus Christ we have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE**

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.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Megan Gates

CHORAL ANTHEM

Standing on the Promises

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4: 12-23

McLean Allen

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

***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 on 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.

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Martha Kaulbach

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
Choir to sing first verse

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

***POSTLUDE**

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

Sermon Notes

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, you call me to be a faithful disciple. Enable me to hear your voice above the distractions of this day, to see each challenge as an opportunity for faithful witness, and to offer myself in obedient service in all that I do. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Your face, O Lord, have I sought this day and your beauty have I beheld. I have seen you in the face of the stranger, and beheld your beauty in creation. Thank you, and keep me aware. Amen

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Person(s) of the week: **Betty Gillette**



In the Oaks (Scenic): **John Howard**

In the Military: **Captain Alex McLean** and family; **Cpt. Joe Campbell** (stationed at Fort Benning) and his family, **LCpl Kevin Matthews** (Naval Air Station-Pensacola, FL) and his family.

Melody Little (Marilyn Bedsworth's daughter); **Dean Hartsock** (Jennifer Hartsock's newborn son); **Leighton Miller** (Charlie & Pam Miller's newborn grandson); **Carolyn and Jeff Denton**; **Brenda Boonstra and family**; **David and Martha Lee Sherman**; **Karen Hooper** (Troy Webb's Stepsister); **Mary Sue Tripp** (Troy Webb's cousin); **Maria Costley**; **Robin Griffin**; **Khamphant Touralack** (Souvanh's brother); **Scott and Melissa Painter**; **Barbara Gates** (Brent Gate's mother); **Jackie Williams** (Sharon Baskin's cousin); **Philip Barber**, **Garth and Sue Smith**, **Betty Schaefer**, **Pat Mizer**, **Ruth Breed**, **Sylvia Palmer**; **Joyce Barrett**; **Bonnie McKim**; **Brad Donaldson** (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); **Pete Lewis** (Joy Mullen's uncle); **June P. Mercer**; our country, its leaders, and military personnel.

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SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Clerk of Session: Grace Hulsey

Class of 2020

Natalie Crawford, Ed Hendricks, Ron Sprayberry

Class of 2021

Ramsay Allen, John Wayne Armour

Class of 2022

Scott Hulsey, Benjamin Padtha

DIACONATE

Co-Moderators: Andrea Armour & Diane Hopkins

Class of 2020

Nancy Hendricks, Joy Mullen

Class of 2021

Betty Gillette, Diane Hopkins

Class of 2022

Andrea Armour, Jan Barton

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, January 26

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Worship Service
No Evening Programs

Monday, January 27

10:00 A.M. Prayer Time, Sanctuary
8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins

Tuesday, January 28

12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Annex
5:00 P.M. ADK Meeting, Scoggins

Wednesday, January 22

12:00 Noon Brown Bag & Bible, Hoyt
5:00 P.M. Children's Program
Middle School Youth
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:15 P.M. Handbells, Music Room

Thursday, January 29

8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins
8:00 P.M. Al-Anon Meeting, Annex

Sunday, February 2

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Worship Service
Annual Congregational Meeting and Fellowship Meal immediately following Worship

A new banner flies today to remind us that
"Jesus Calls Us to Follow Him".
The shells on the banner were gathered
from the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

ASSISTING TODAY

Opening & Clean Up: Gary Hulsey
Closing & Counting: Kimberly Chosewood
& Natalie Crawford
Greeters & Ushers: Charlie & Pam Miller
Projection System: Jessica Irvin
Sound System: Gary Hulsey
Audio-Video: Brad Chosewood
Nursery Attendant: Jacky Vespi
Flowers: Worship Committee
Elementary Sunday School: Armour Family
Middle Sunday School: Kimberly Chosewood

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>Dec. 2019</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	22,487.62	240,006.17
Expenses	22,967.70	247,463.44
Net:	(480.08)	(7,457.27)

Jan. 2020 Income:

<u>01-19-2020</u>	<u>Monthly Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>
5,582.00	14,381.77	TBD

Special offerings

Backyard Ministry	43.00
Building Fund	80.00
Memorials	1250.00

** End of Year Giving Statements are available in the hallway leading to Scoggins Hall. Any statements not picked up will be mailed after January 31st. **

Church Attendance 1/19/2020: 58

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

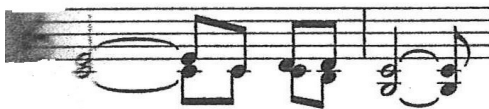
Whoever serves Me must follow Me. John 12:26



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me,
3. Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me,
4. Will you de - cid - e now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cid - e now



to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me the cross be - fore me, No turn - ing
still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low,
to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cid - e now to fol - low Je - sus?



back, no turn - ing back.

