



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 A.M

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CENTERING PRAYER

*Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me.
And that thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit

Martha Kaulbach

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend,
as we are embraced in their kindness,

we choose to be people of life and blessing.

As we serve others in God's name,
as we receive blessings from those we do not know,

we choose to walk in God's way.

As we forgive those who have hurt us,
as we reach out to those we have harmed,

we choose to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers.

*MORNING HYMN

Near to the Heart of God

Eng. 527, Lao-Eng. 62

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we sit in the ashes of our hopes, but you see us as your beloved children. We pay strict attention to all who break the rules, but ignore the grace which is poured out upon us. We try to box you in with boundaries we can manage, but you continue to burst forth to bring newness into the world. Have mercy on us, God of forgiveness, and open our eyes to your presence among us. As you look at our hearts, may we see others in a different way, not as enemies or strangers, but sisters and brothers of the same family, kin to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(our prayer continues in silence)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsive)

Christ came, so we might be healed by God's tender touch.

Christ came, so we might be reconciled to one another.

**Thanks be to God! As risky, as hard as it may be, we will choose to be
God's people. Amen.**

***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

SPECIAL MUSIC

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Jennifer Hartsock

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Donna James

***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

***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**

***CLOSING HYMN**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Eng. 403, Lao-Eng. 125

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

***POSTLUDE**

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

PRAYER CONCERNS



Prayer Person(s) of the week: **Danny Honeycutt**

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.

Kimberlee Harper; Monica Christensen; Nancy Smith (Michelle Truelove's mom); **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.**

*...what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer*

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, I greet this day with thanks and the determination to choose the good. Help me to walk with you in blessing. Let my "yes" be yes, and my "no" be no, as I share the light of Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Jesus, it is night, and night is for sleeping; yet, my mind is racing fast. I give thanks for the blessings this day, and then I worry—there is so much left undone. But you are with me! You calm my anxiety, fill me with peace, and help me choose the way of rest. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, February 16

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

Monday, February 17

Presidents' Day, Church Office Closed

8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins

Tuesday, February 18

12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Hoyt

Wednesday, February 19

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

Thursday, February 20

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

Sunday, February 23

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Worship Service
2:00 P.M. SAT Prep, Annex



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| Opening & Clean Up: | Ed Hendricks |
| Closing & Counting: | Ron Sprayberry |
| Greeters & Ushers: | Ed & Jan Barton |
| Projection System: | Cathy Webb |
| Sound System: | Greg Hopkins |
| Audio-Video: | Gideon Padtha |
| Nursery Attendant: | Jacky Vespi |
| Flowers: | Mike Crawford |
| Elementary Sunday School: | Allen Family |
| Middle Sunday School: | Kimberly Chosewood |

Church Attendance 2/9/2020: snow day





Welcome Baby Lydia!

*Baby Lydia was born
Thursday, February 13
6 lbs. 4 oz.*

*Congratulations Souvanh, Noy,
and big brother Alex!*

February Happenings:

17th: Presidents' Day (Church Office closed, no Prayer Time)

19th: Brown Bag and Bible- Noon, Hoyt Room
Session Meeting- 7:30 pm, Hoyt

24th: Prayer Time- 10am, Sanctuary

25th: Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner- 6pm, Scoggins Hall

26th: Brown Bag and Bible- Noon, Hoyt Room
Children's Ash Wednesday Service- 5pm, Sanctuary
Adult Ash Wednesday Service- 6pm. Sanctuary

Valentine making & delivery to The Oaks



Join us for another fun Church-Wide Activity & Dinner on March 10!