

New Testament Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21 PB 906 LP 906

Susan Schaurer

Response

Liturgist: This is a Word of God reminding us that we can never out-spend the purpose which fills us with passion and clarity.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Fill My Plans with Purpose

Rev. Melick

Reflection Time

Video: Wide as the World by Andrew Ripp

The loving arms of God are as wide as the world

They never stop rebuilding the bridges we've burned

Forever after lost ones till the last one's returned

The loving arms of God are as wide as the world.

***Hymn #634**

To God Be The Glory

***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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Melick

Offertory Music

***The 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 #318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Melick

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

***Sending Hymn #792**

There is a Balm in Gilead

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Melick

***Congregational Response** *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601

Postlude

This Week at FPC

January 30 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

Mark Your Calendars

February 2 – Paint bowl or mug for Souper Bowl Sunday, following church

February 3 – 10:00am, Moms Group

February 5 – 6:00-7:30pm, Messy Church

February 6 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

February 9 – Souper Bowl Sunday, lunch following church

Souper Bowl Painting

- People of all ages may stay after church on Feb 2 to paint a mug or bowl. They will be fired in the kiln that week and returned to us before Sunday for our annual Souper Bowl Sunday lunch and auction on February 9. Thank you to Preble Arts for working with us.

When you come to paint your bowl, you choose whether to “make and take” (pay \$20 for it so you can keep it) or donate it to the auction. Either way, all proceeds go to support The Common Good Food Bank. We also need folks to bring soup or dessert to our Souper Bowl lunch. Sign up at the Information Table.

Common Good Food Bank

- They are in need of the following: Soups (Cream soups, chicken noodle, vegetable, broth, etc.)

Blessing Box

– is in need of canned food, preferably pop top cans, canned meat and fruit cups. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you”

~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War

Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson’s granddaughter
Cy – pray for strength and healing

Logan Eifort – stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson

Zoe Barnes – home but still needs a lot of care, Kelly Smith’s cousin

Gregg Neavin – chemo treatment

Tommy Hayes – treatment at hospital, Marie Hayes son

Remember and Uphold:

Elaine Hawley - Vancrest

Our at Home Shut-ins

Doris Barker

Marge Jordan

Julia Withrow

For our Nation and those who serve

Church Members & Friends In The Service

Mac Altom/U.S. Army

Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines

Tanner Crabtree/ Army

Caleb Cosmi / Air Force

Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy

Grant Davis / Army Reserve

Richard (Alex) Trogdon/ Navy

Grace Wagner/Basic Training

Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active now

Michael Richwald, Air Force National Guard

Zack Pool/ Air Force

Jeremy Barnes/ Navy

Brett Barnes / Navy

Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy

Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve

Cliff Garey / Navy

Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force

Drew Roach / Navy

Ryan Hall / Army

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

*Our Response of Praise – #581 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.

Special Music

Choir

Children’s Message Jesus Preaches in the Temple

Rev. Melick

Old Testament Responsive Scripture Reading

Susan Schaurer

Psalms 19 PB 488 LP 481

Liturgist: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

All: ³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

Liturgist: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

All: ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

Liturgist: ⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

All: ⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Liturgist: ⁹the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Liturgist: ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²But who can detect one’s own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

All: ¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Introduction

Susan Schaurer

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First Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2025

*Epiphany Worship Series: Six Stone Jars; The Economy of Jesus
Fill My Plans with Purpose*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Melick

Prelude

Introit

Choir

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Melick and Susan Schaurer

Liturgist: God's abundance is for all, no one is left outside, kingdom come, all people one in trust and love abide.

Liturgist: In this world of striving,

All: we feel the yearn to earn.

Liturgist: The world measures our worth in those earnings.

All: But Jesus had different ideas.

Liturgist: Where they sought answers to life's uncertainties,

All: he showed us how to live into God's calling with conviction and integrity.

Liturgist: When we feel our own resources are lacking,

All: we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.

***Hymn #307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Susan Schaurer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts, bent as they are towards ourselves, out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you, O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness and the Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: Just as our worth as humans is not dependent on the bottom line of our bank accounts, our relationships are not dependent upon the earning of favors and the limitations of "quid pro quo." The peace of Christ has no limits, and we get more just by giving it. So may jar-fulls of peace be with you today.

All: And also with you.

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Six Stone Jars

Week Two: Fill My Plans with Purpose

Word is getting out since the wedding incident that this man Jesus is "something else." Now he goes to his hometown synagogue and is asked to read from the holy scriptures. This is a scroll that he likely read from as he grew from child to adult. He knows it well. He unrolls the scroll and reveals to us a succinct outline of his purpose and the Spirit-anointed plans. In the economy of Jesus, there is Good News for those who need it most.

[Jesus] unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." – Luke 4: 14-21

Andrew Ripp's "Wide as the World" song says "the loving arms of God are as wide as the world." When Jesus proclaims Isaiah's prophecy as being fulfilled, he describes a freedom for those who are hurting and oppressed. "There is room for you, there is room for me..." sings Ripp. Why do you think we still need to be about this purpose Jesus lays out?

How would you define the purpose of your life? What sources inform your sense of purpose or give voice to your calling?

God of Purpose and Prophetic Hope, we come to you today, having made space on our calendars to seek your wisdom and clarity for our lives. In the midst of our discernment, remind us of your plans for us: plans for goodness and not harm, plans overflowing with hope for the future. Show us the actions we can take to ensure this hopeful future for all people. Amen.

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First Presbyterian Church



January 26, 2025

Our Mission:

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus
and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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