

***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

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 #691** Lord, When I Came Into This Life

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Melick

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

Postlude

This Week at FPC

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 5 – 7:30pm, Choir Practice
February 6 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

Mark Your Calendars

February 9 – Souper Bowl Sunday, lunch following church
February 12 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice
February 13 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle
February 19 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice
February 20 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle
February 22 – 6-9:00pm, Valentine Dinner, Youth fundraiser
February 26 – 11:00am, Adult Mission Group

Save the Date – Annual FPC Youth Mission Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser. February 22 from 6-9:00pm. Chef Russ will be making our delicious meal and you will be served by the amazing FPC Youth. Cost is \$20 with all proceeds to the FPC Youth Missions. Please sign up at the Information Table. Contact Beth Pool with any questions.

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.

*Hymn #726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Children’s Message

Jesus Escapes

Rev. Melick

Old Testament Responsive Scripture Reading

Kathy McCreary

Psalm 71:1-6

Liturgist: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

All: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Liturgist: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me,

All: for you are my rock and my fortress.

Liturgist: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

All: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Liturgist: From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother’s womb.

All: My praise is continually of you.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Introduction

Kathy McCreary

New Testament Scripture Reading

Kathy McCreary

Luke 4:21-30 PB 906 LP 58

Response:

Liturgist: This is a Word of God reminding us that we can never out-spend the healing power that fills our broken spirits

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Fill My Wounds with Healing

Rev. Melick

Reflection Time

Video: Jericho by Andrew Ripp

*Hymn #852

When the Lord Redeems

First Presbyterian Church

February 2, 2025

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

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Melick

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Rev. Melick and Kathy McCreary

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: When they demanded special treatment,

All: he offered healing and wholeness for all – not just for some.

Liturgist: When we feel our own resources are lacking,

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

*Hymn #396, verses 1,3,4

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

Prayer of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Kathy McCreary

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.

Six Stone Jars

Week Three: Fill My Wounds with Healing

Jesus' encounter with the crowd in Nazareth continues. Perhaps they feel they have the hometown advantage and they want Jesus to exercise his renowned powers for them. But Jesus is not compliant. God's economy of wholeness is not just for insiders, it is for outcasts and foreigners. When we don't get an acceptable answer to the question, “what's in it for us,” we sometimes try to push Hope itself off a cliff.

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown." – Luke 4: 21-30

“All of my fears, like Jericho walls, gotta come down, come down,” sings Andrew Ripp in this week's featured song. The hometown folk in the story of Jesus' harrowing experience in Nazareth are likely acting out of fear. We all do this when we feel like we are not going to get what we want. What needs to be rebuilt in our society “from the ground up” so that we don't continue tearing down the good?

Where do you perceive the need for healing in your own life and in the world?

God of Restoration, we come to you today, bringing a laundry list of things that we wish we could change about the world, ourselves, and each other. In the midst of our longing, remind us that your goodness is not earned by our being good, and that we are called to share your mercy with everyone inside and outside of this faithful community. Amen.

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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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