

Sermon *Fill My Days with Meaning* Rev. Melick

Reflection Time Video: *Deep Water* by Andrew Ripp

\*Hymn #721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

\*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.***

Baptism and Membership

Membership – Kendal Barton

Baptism – Eric James-Todd Alexander, parents Kendal Barton and Chris Alexander

Communion Rev. Melick

***Invitation to the Table***

***Great Prayer of Thanksgiving***

***Pastor:*** The Lord be with you.

***All: And also with you.***

***Pastor:*** Lift up your hearts.

***All: We lift them to the Lord.***

***Pastor:*** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

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 #488 *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

\*Charge and Benediction Rev. Melick

\*Congregational Response *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601

Postlude

### This Week at FPC

February 9 – Souper Bowl Sunday, lunch following church  
February 12 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle, studying chapters 8-9  
February 12 – 6-7:00pm, Drama Practice  
February 12 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice  
February 13 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

### Mark Your Calendars

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  
February 26 – 6-7:00pm, Drama Practice

**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.

**NEW – Drama Team** – This group will learn some drama skills, practice improv, and prepare a few pieces to be used during Lent. Pastor Annie will lead this group. If you have any questions, contact her.

**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 – continuing treatment, 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

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**\*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.***

**Choir Anthem**

**Children's Message** *A Full Net of Fish*

Rev. Melick

**Old Testament Responsive Scripture Reading**

Tesha Smith

Psalm 138

**Liturgist:** <sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**All:** <sup>2</sup> *I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.*

**Liturgist:** <sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

**All:** <sup>4</sup> *All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.*

**Liturgist:** <sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

**All:** <sup>6</sup> *For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.*

**Liturgist:** <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**All:** <sup>8</sup> *The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

**Liturgist:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Introduction**

Tesha Smith

**New Testament Scripture Reading**

Tesha Smith

Luke 5:1-11 PB 907 LP 59

**Response:**

**Liturgist:** This is a Word of God reminding us that we can never out-spend the moments of meaningfulness that can fill us in these days.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**February 9, 2025**

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

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Melick

**Prelude**

**Introit**

Choir

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Melick and Tesha Smith

**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 held tight to their narrow worldview,

**All: he offered new interpretations that opened their minds to abundance.**

**Liturgist:** When we feel our own resources are lacking,

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

**\*Hymn #720** *Jesus Calls Us*

**Prayer of Confession and Passing of the Peace**

Tesha Smith

**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:** 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 Four: Fill My Days with Meaning**

The Gospel of Luke gives us the numbers as crowds continue to follow the movements of Jesus and his popularity and notoriety spread. So many were crammed on the shores of the lake that he had to get some distance in a boat in order to speak to them. The crowd size is then mirrored in the size of the surprise catch of fish that happens when the “sermon” is over. Fishermen become followers. We, like them, are invited to use our gifts to demonstrate the abundance of God’s economy, filling our days with meaning.

...they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink...all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who are partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. – Luke 5: 1-11

The fishermen heard the call of Jesus to put their nets out into deep water and they pulled in an abundant catch. He then calls them to follow him and they say “yes!” Andrew Ripp’s song this week says “I don’t want to be found in the shallow, all my life I’ve waited for this...” and he “rolls out” into deep water. What are the shallows of your life that you’d like to leave behind in favor of deeper waters in a life following Jesus’ extravagant generosity?

Where do you find a sense of meaningfulness in your life?

God of Transformation, we come to you today, weary from fishing on the same old side of the boat, frustrated that the tools we have often fail to yield the results we desire. In the midst of our striving, remind us that we can choose new ways of doing things, to shift our perspective so that we may see the rich blessings you have in store, if only we know where to look. Amen.

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*February 9, 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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