



Laura James, Sermon on the Mount

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 5, 2023
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us to be the light of the world –

**To loose the bonds of injustice,
open the eyes that are blind,
and deliver from prison those who sit in darkness.**

God invites us to be a light to the nations –

To carry God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

The Holy Spirit dwells in us,

Giving us strength to do God's work.

We live in God's foolish hope for us and for the world!

*OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Into this space we bring our burdens—the things we have done or not done, said or not said. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us lay down those burdens before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silt in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and to one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isa. 43:1, 19

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 741)

GUIDE MY FEET

*Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)*

Hold my hand...

Guide my feet...

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:1-12 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 5:13-20 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Salt and Light”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

The congregation will be asked these constitutional questions:

Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, accept Judy as a deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who is the head of the Church? **We do.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

He is Marvelous

Powell

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part of your family. You feed us with your body and satisfy our deepest hunger. We thank you for these gifts. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit that we may be your witnesses, sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

IM GONNA LIVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Jerry Price*

Communion Servers: *Glenda Price & Patti Price*

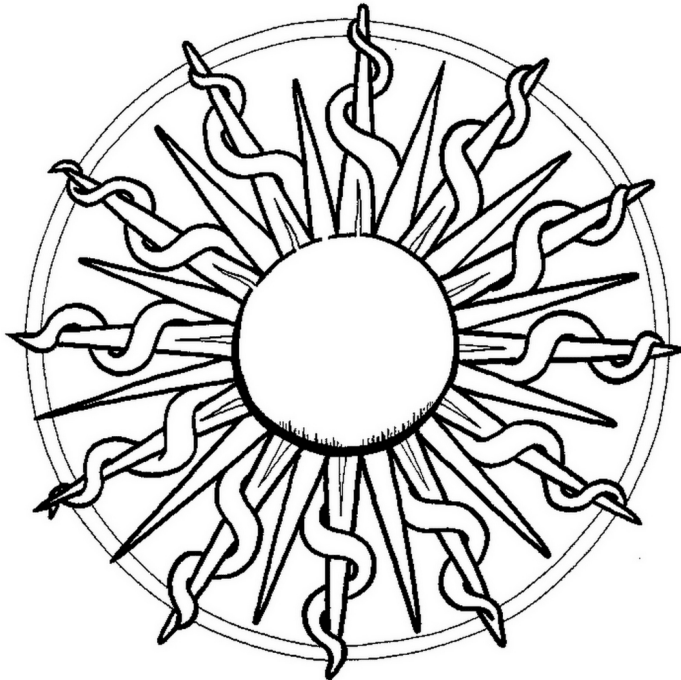
The Life of the Church

The Spirit Lifters, a group that eats out together each month, meets Tuesday evening, February 7, at 5:30pm at the Miller House. Please let Jerry Price know today if you are interested in attending: kyprice@outlook.com.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, is February 22. Pastor Matt will be offering drive-thru “Ashes to Go” in front of the main entrance to the sanctuary from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Our traditional Ash Wednesday worship service, including imposition of the ashes, will be at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Our Lenten Book Study begins Wednesday, March 1. We will explore *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. Classes will meet at 6 p.m. in the Parlor. See Sasha if you need help ordering the book.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.





First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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