



*Bass Relief Sculpture of the Three Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope, and Love; Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh*

FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Fourth Sunday  
after Epiphany  
Sunday, January 30, 2022  
10:30 A.M.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 71:1-6*

Our hope is in God all of our lives.

**God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.**

God has held us since our birth.

**So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

In love, God saves and supports us.

**Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

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

God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and to cast out fear.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope, because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We do not know how to be loving because our role models are ridicule and anger. We do not know how to be faithful to you, because at an early age, we learned to trust the promises of all the false prophets who entice us with their simple thoughts. But you know how to forgive, God of kindness, so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who abides in us.**

## POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus Christ satisfies each of our shortcomings. It is in God we are given the full vision of love, peace, and justice. This good news is for you: God claims you, Christ welcomes you, and the Spirit draws up your seat at the welcome table.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored.

**Thanks be to our God now and forever.**

## \*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 693)

1. *Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*
2. *Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, as the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in his time, bring this word now to us. Touch our mouths and our hearts with your word today, that we may build on it in our lives, in the church, and in your world. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:4-10            The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13    The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

“A More Excellent Way”

Rev. Matt Curry

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve**

**Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

FAITH STORY

Diane Bowers

## THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg

\*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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world—because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.**

**THE SENDING**

\*HYMN 749

*Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

**LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

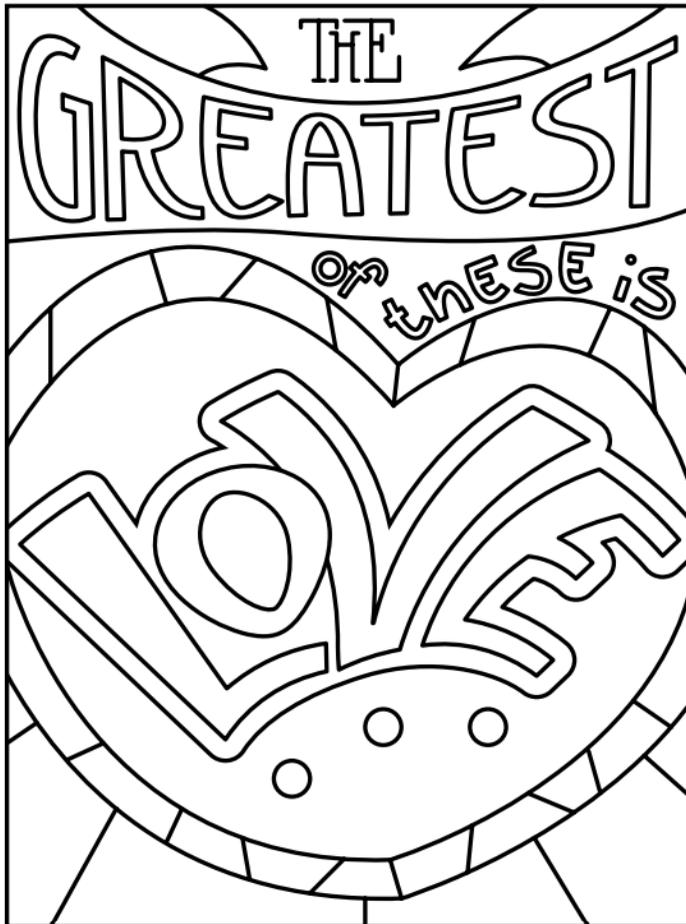
Liturgist: *Harley Bravo*

Communion Servers: *Paul & Charlotte Puckett*

## The Life of the Church

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held immediately following worship today in the sanctuary. We will receive the annual report, vote on the pastor's terms of call, and elect a trustee.

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





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