

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

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Meditation

"The Bible is so full of human particularity. It's so clearly written to understand that human beings are fragile, and there's so much tenderness for that fragility." ~ Marilynne Robinson

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

CHORAL INTROIT

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1-4, 7, 14

Pastor Eric Garner

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

HYMN

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

GTG 432

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

Holy Lord,

With you are the words of life.

You direct us in the ways of righteousness and justice.

Yet we frequently shut our ears to your guidance

And close our eyes to our neighbors' needs.

We follow after our own benefit and power,

Forsaking your blessing of all the earth.

Lead us back to your path, Lord.

Correct our waywardness so that we will not get lost again.

Teach us to trust in your guidance,

So that together,

We can serve as light to the world.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Eric Garner

Jesus brings light in the darkness and freedom from sin. Trusting in Jesus' love for you, may you know that you are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Gloria

GTG 581

Musical score for Gloria, GTG 581. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It features a piano accompaniment with two staves. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The score includes a repeat sign at the end.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Eric Garner

CHILDREN'S TIME

Katie Simon

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GTG 288

Musical score for Sung Prayer for Illumination, GTG 288. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It features a piano accompaniment with two staves. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The score includes a repeat sign at the end.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Karen Anderson

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it **15** and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16** All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. **6** There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. **15** (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") **16** From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. **17** The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Listening for a Word

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

GTG 12

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Eric Garner

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY

GTG 607

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low; praise". The second system of music has the lyrics: "Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).



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CALENDAR

- Sunday, January 19: 10:20 a.m.
 Kidz Club
 FPC Kids Room

- Sunday, January 19: 11:15 a.m.
 Deacons Meeting
 FPC Multipurpose Room

- Sunday, January 19: 11:30 a.m.
 WiredWord Adult Sunday School
 FPC Library

Eric Garner, Pastor and Head of Staff

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