

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

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Meditation

"Grace must find expression in life, otherwise it is not grace." ~ Karl Barth

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

INTROIT

Ben Marti

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63:1-5

Pastor Eric Garner

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you,
My whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your grace is better than life, my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

HYMN

Morning Has Broken

GTG 664

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

**Eternal God,
In whom we live and move and have our being,
Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
And deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
That with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,
Confessing our faults,
Confiding in your grace,
And finding in you our refuge and strength;
Through Jesus Christ your Son,
Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Eric Garner

God's love never fails! Through the powerful love of God, we receive the gift of grace in Christ Jesus. Because of the loving work of Christ, we receive the gift of power in the Holy Spirit. Within the love of our Triune Lord, we have the gift of life.

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

GLORIA

Gloria

GTG 581

Musical score for Gloria, featuring piano accompaniment and vocal lines. The score is in 4/4 time, B-flat major, and consists of two systems. 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."

ANTHEM

Ben Marti

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Eric Garner

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mark Taylor

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GTG 288

Musical score for Sung Prayer for Illumination, featuring piano accompaniment and vocal lines. The score is in 4/4 time, B-flat major, and consists of two systems. 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."

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:8-18

8 Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I have answered you; on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, **9** saying to the prisoners, "Come out," to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves." They shall feed along the ways; on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; **10** they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them and by springs of water will guide them. **11** And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. **12** Look, some shall come from far away, some from the north and from the west, and some from the land of Syene. **13** Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his suffering ones. **14** But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." **15** Can a woman forget her nursing child or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these might forget, yet I will not forget you. **16** See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. **17** Your

builders outdo your destroyers, and those who laid you waste go away from you. **18** Lift up your eyes all around and see; they all gather; they come to you. As I live, says the Lord, you shall put all of them on like an ornament, and like a bride you shall bind them on.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Pastor Eric Garner

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. **9** As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. **11** You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, **12** for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. **13** Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, **14** while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. **15** Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

SERMON

Grace All the Way Down

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

Amazing Grace

GTG 649

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.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Pastor Eric Garner

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again; 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY

GTG 607

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low; praise
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric Garner

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti



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CALENDAR

- Sunday, January 5: 10:20 a.m.
Kidz Club
 FPC Kids Room
- Sunday, January 5: 11:30 a.m.
 WiredWord Adult Sunday School
 FPC Library
- Monday, January 6: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Connections Shelter Guests Clinic – MCHS Residency
 FPC Youth Room
- Wednesday, January 8: 5:30 p.m.
 Properties Committee Meeting
 FPC Multipurpose Room