

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Jig Fugue"

Dieterich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

See, now is the acceptable time!

2 Corinthians 6:2

**See, now is the day of salvation!**

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."

Luke 4:18, 21

**May the Word of the Lord be fulfilled among us.**

\* Hymn 744

"Arise, Your Light is Come!"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God,**

**you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity,  
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.**

**You call us to seek justice and peace,**

**but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.**

**You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,**

**but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,**

**so that all may know your justice and peace;**

**through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Response (Hymnal 584)

**Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to God on high. (repeat)**

**And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased. (repeat)**

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Leviticus 25 (selections)

Psalter: Psalm 19 (Hymnal 61)

A Time with Children

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21 (NT, p.61)

Sermon: "Check Cashing Day"

Rev. Carter

*Winter Series: Life After Baptism*

### **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 772 "Live into Hope"

\* Affirmation of Faith: 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 Ghost, 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 on 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.**

Offering

Offertory

"Andantino"

Craig Penfield

Prayers of the People and 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.**

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 379 "We Shall Overcome"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "Allegretto"

Craig Penfield

*If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Cherie Shepherd
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Usher	Tracy Smith

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## **Church Family Announcements**

**Thank you for joining us for Worship.** We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- Promise to wear a face mask? No covid-related symptoms for the past 14 days? Willing to have your temperature taken at the door? **Join us in person at 10:00 am.** (Reservations are no longer necessary.)
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Our Session requires masks for all worship services, meetings, and group events in the church building. Temperature checks will continue at church gatherings, and social distancing will be encouraged. We believe in the effectiveness of the covid-19 vaccinations and urge everybody to get vaccinated against covid-19.

If all of us can choose restraint and pursue public health, we have a better chance for stopping the spread of the virus and its variants. In the words of St. Paul, "Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:13-14)

**Our sanctuary** is open for prayer whenever the building is open.

### **Our next Arts Event: Music for Midwinter**

*(rescheduled from January 16)*

#### **Sunday, February 6, 4:00 p.m.**

Talented artists will warm our winter air. Nathaniel Worrell, a student at Valley View High School, will offer a dazzling program of classical piano music. Mike Carbone, music professor at Binghamton University, will offer a set of chamber music for soprano saxophone, accompanied by pianist Bill Carter.



**“The Way” Adult Education - The Bible Tells Me So: Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It**, based on the book by Peter Enns. What if the Bible is fine just the way it is? What if the Bible doesn’t need to be protected and defended, but understood – just as it is? When we let the Bible be the Bible (rather than what we expect it ought to be), we find a deeper faith in the process. You can order the book from any bookstore.

**Wednesdays, 6 p.m., room 206**

**It’s time for Annual Reports!** If yours hasn’t been sent in yet, please do so ASAP. Booklets are being prepared this week.

Thank you for your **strong financial support!** There is a link on our web site to contribute online. You may drop off your contributions at the church office during working hours or send them to 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411. To contribute by cell phone, **scan here.** We appreciate your generosity, especially in this difficult time.



### Meetings this week

Sunday, January 23	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 206
	1 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 25	10 a.m.	MBK Quilts	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Deacons	Room 206
Wednesday, January 26	10:30 a.m.	Prayer and Share	Room 209
	6 p.m.	The Way Adult Bible Study	Room 206
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
	8:30 p.m.	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, January 27	10 a.m.	MBK Quilters	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	AlAnon	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sunday, January 30	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15	Confirmation Class	Room 206

Our Arts Team decided to cancel our programming for the **Festival of Ice** in our community (January 28-30). Covid-19 is the culprit and we prefer to keep as many people safe as possible. We encourage you to enjoy the ice sculptures that will adorn our community.

Due to extreme cold, the **“My Brother’s Keeper Quilters”** will be adding some days to their work schedule. In addition to their regular **second and fourth Tuesdays**, they will meet the **first and third Thursdays**. The time for all gatherings is 10:00 a.m. to noon; the location is Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to assist.

**Reminder: here is our Bad Weather Policy**, in two parts:

- We never cancel worship, but we don't want anybody to risk their safety or warmth. Stay home if the weather is dangerous or gives you anxiety. Tune in!
- We will close the office on a weekday if the Abington Heights school district is closed.