

Order of Worship

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Prelude

Drifting Clouds, Riggs

Call to Worship (Responsive)

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

One: Love is patient.

All: Love is kind.

One: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

All: Love does not insist on its own way.

One: Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

All: Love rejoices in the truth.

One: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

All: Love never ends. Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

Hymn No. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Ron Parsons, PCM

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty.

Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 581

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

1 Corinthians 13

Anthem

Thyself in Me, arr. Courtney (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

Second Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sermon

Extreme Makeover, Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No. 691

Lord, When I Came into this Life (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from *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!"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

Open My Eyes, Hughes (11:00 a.m.)

Doxology No. 606

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

(9:00 a.m.)

Hymn No. 463

How Firm a Foundation

Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, Ritter

Liturgist: Anne Leader

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our [online Friendship Register](#) or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors