

First Presbyterian Church

Tupelo, Mississippi

Morning Worship Service

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.

Jesus called his first disciples to become “fishers of men and women” – to seek out others and tell them of him. Their call is ours too, even if, like those first fishermen, we have another profession.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Come to the Water

John Foley

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Inspired by Jonah 3, Matthew 4: 18-22, Mark 1: 14-20)

Leader: For just this hour,

People: Follow me;

Leader: Listen to my word,

People: Follow me;

Leader: Think about your life as my disciple every day,

People: Follow me;

Leader: Pray,

People: Follow me;

Leader: Sing,

People: Follow me;

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Gracious Christ, you came to the fishermen
when the prophet John was taken away.

Come to us now, as we fear losses of our own.

Grant us courage to cast aside
the nets that bind us, to follow you into true freedom
and newness of life. Help us to be faithful disciples,
that we might inspire others to follow in your ways. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 466

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We not only know the lives we are called to lead, we are well aware of how we fail - through our words as well as our silence, by our deeds and our unwillingness to act. Let us confess to the God who comes to us,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God...you call us...and sometimes...we duck under the table...
hoping you didn't notice us when you walked into the room.
You call us...and sometimes...we grab a stapler and a stack of papers...
trying to look too busy to be bothered at the moment.
You call us...and sometimes we just say, "No!"
We know that we aren't expected to do everything...
but we often forget that you call us to be ourselves
in the places where our very self is what is most needed.
So give us the grace to say "Yes" to your call...
even now...as we offer our silent confessions...(Pause for reflection and meditation) **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM

Antiphon from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading Jonah 3:1-5,10

New Testament Reading Mark 1:14-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Are You Going to Fish, or Just Sit There?

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

BENEDICTION

(Inspired by Jonah 3, Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:14-20)

Leader: As you go out into the world

People: **Follow me**

Leader: At home with your household

People: **Follow me**

Leader: At school and work

People: **Follow me**

Leader: In everything you do this week

People: **Follow me**

Leader: And as you do, remember that I am with you always,
even to the end of the world.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

The Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Robert and Catherine Sadler, Ke and Elsie Francis, and Jack and Frances McGill.

Welcome to worship! Our service, which is streamed online, can be viewed on [YouTube](#) today at 10:00 A.M. TV Broadcast of the service is the following week on Christian Network Television at 9:00 A.M. Sunday; and at 8:00 P.M. Monday on Channel 4 Comcast, Channel 49 Dish and antennae, and Channel 20 MaxSouth. Visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Helen Sams, who died January 20. She was the mother of Mary Margaret Gratz. A family celebration of the resurrection was held on Saturday, January 23.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatments: Aimee McDonald Burrow, Julie Seiler

Homebound: Sarah Parker, Joe Sheffield, Grace Stamps

College Students: Carli Hillhouse, Emma Kantack, Bennett Mark

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$16,960

Amount Received: \$55,438

YTD Budgeted Income: \$72,960

YTD Income Received: \$66,622

Join us on Wednesday, January 27, at 7:00 P.M. for a brief Prayer Meditation via Zoom. Use [this link](#) to join. We will also be emailing the link on Wednesday. You may also call the church office for information on joining a Zoom meeting.

The Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church has been called for Sunday, January 31, at 11:30 P.M. via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to 1) elect elders to the class of 2024; 2) elect five members-at-large from the congregation to the 2021 Officer Nominating Committee; 3) to receive the 2021 Budget as information; 4) to approve changes to the Pastor's Terms of Call; 5) to receive the 2020 Annual Report for information; and 6) to transact any other business related to the Annual Meeting.

Elders to be presented for election are: Kim Burleson, Cindy Faucette, Leslie Geoghegan, Michael Gratz, Jr., Chauncey Godwin, Alice Rogers, and Mike Thomas.

Officer Nominating Committee members for election are: Travis Abney, Heather Crotwell, Jason McDuffie, Lisa Nichols, and Judy Thomas.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, January 24

10:00 A.M.

Worship Service streaming on [YouTube.com](#)

Monday, January 25

7:00 P.M.

Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 26

7:00 P.M.

A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, January 27

7:00 P.M.

Meditation and Prayer via Zoom. Use [this link](#) to join.

Friday, January 29

12:00 P.M.

A.A. Meeting

Join us this Wednesday, January 27!

Zoom Meeting Prayer Meditation



Wednesday, January 27
7 p.m.

with Olin McBride

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86042647450?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86042647450?pwd=eVpMazdDczJvVGxadU8zU1hzWFB0UT09)
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Meeting ID: 860 4264 7450

Passcode: 155891

Also be sure to join us in February for our Ash Wednesday Zoom service, February 17 at 7:00 P.M.

A link for this service will be emailed closer to the date.



Ash Wednesday
Service

February 17 @ 7 pm
via Zoom

Link will be sent

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

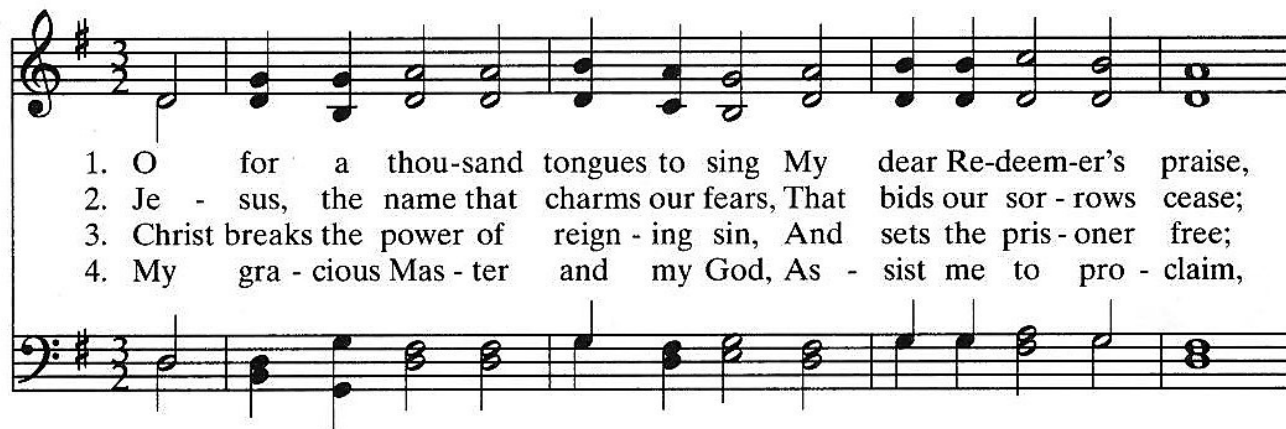
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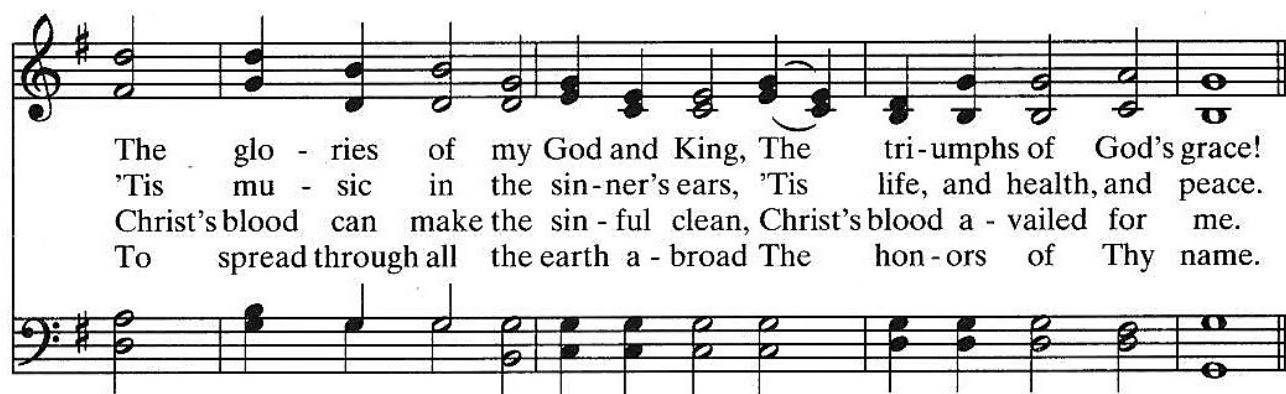
Charles Wesley, 1738; alt.

Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;
3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - oner free;
4. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,



The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of God's grace!
'Tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.
To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.