



# *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 uner 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



Join us this Wednesday, January 27!



**Wednesday, January 27**  
**7 p.m.**

with **Olin McBride**

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86042647450?  
pwd=eVpMazdDczJvVGxadU8zU1hzWFBoUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86042647450?pwd=eVpMazdDczJvVGxadU8zU1hzWFBoUT09)  
**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 466

AZMON CM

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.

