

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

L: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

ALL: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

L: In the name of Christ,

ALL: We accept the invitation to discipleship, to worship and praise God.

L: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds

ALL: We proclaim the God of Compassion.

L: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

ALL: We proclaim the God of Hope.

L: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

ALL: We proclaim the God of Love.

L: Come, let us worship together

* Hymn 401 "Here in This Place" Haugen

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

(Silent and personal confession.)

* Kyrie (*Glory to God, 437*)

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

* Declaration of Pardon

* *The Gloria Patri*

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.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The Peace of Christ be with you

ALL: And also with you.

(Greet those that are around you with the Peace of Christ)

Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Rev. Dayton Wilson

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalm 27 (*page 546*)

Matthew 4:12-23 (*page 958*)

Response

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

The Sermon

"Dropping your Nets"

Rev. Dayton Wilson

Responding to God's Word

* Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's 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.

* Hymn 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

Wesley

Prayers of the People

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 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.

Offertory

* The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Depart to Serve

* Hymn 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

Alexander

* Charge and Blessing

* Response

"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

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Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled. Those eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.

* Postlude

**If you are able, please stand*

Today at First

Sunday School
9:30 AM,
Education Wing

Fellowship
10:30 AM,
Rodgers Center

Worship
11:00 AM,
Sanctuary

Sermon
Rev. Dayton Wilson

Liturgist
Cindy Witt

Acolyte
Dayton Wilson, Jr.

Musician
Emily Clem

Flowers

The sanctuary flowers were given in honor of Dean Steel's 91st birthday and in honor Dean & Mary Steele's 66th wedding anniversary.

The rosebuds are given in honor of the birth of:

Violet Diane Nell Whitten
Jamye Elizabeth Moss
Serafina Graziella Smith

Sunday School Classes

Toddler's Class
(Room 102)

Children's Class
(Room 101)

Young Adult Class
(Room 105)

Men's Class
(Parlor-Rodgers Center)

Corner Class
(Room 107)

Discussion Class
(Room 100)

Middle School/Jr. High
(Choir Room)

Welcome to First Presbyterian *Children*. Children are always welcome in worship. Child care is available for infants and toddlers in the nursery, through the doors at the front of the sanctuary, then right.

To join this church. Speak to the minister.

Connect to our online community life. Visit fpcathens.org for information, news. Join our Facebook group for community life. Follow our Facebook page for news, updates on recent events, and upcoming opportunities.

Connect to pastor and staff. Call the church office. The Church Office email is fpcathens@fpcathens.org. Rev. Dayton Wilson's office email is dayton.wilson@fpcathens.org.

Accessibility. There are reserved parking spaces on Jefferson Street in front of the sanctuary. Enter the building through the walkway to the right of the sanctuary or through the office entrance. Ask an usher for an assistive hearing device.

To give sanctuary flowers. See the chart outside the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary or call the church office.

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This Week at FPC

Monday, Jan. 27

5:30 pm, N. AL. Pres. Men's Winter Meeting (Rodgers Center)
6:45 pm, Music & Worship Committee Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, Jan. 28

6:00 pm, Cursillo 4th Day (Rodgers Center)
6:30 pm, Bell Practice (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, Jan. 29

9:30 am, Pottery, (Basement)
6:00 pm, Dayton's Bible Study (Conference Room)
6:30 pm, Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, Feb. 2

9:45 am, Sunday School (Various Rooms)
10:30 am, Fellowship (Rodgers' Center)
11:00 am, Worship & Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

The Session

Class of 2020
Karla Barnes
Emily Clem
David Lyle

Class of 2021
Cindy Witt
John Noel
Doug Harbin

Class of 2022
Tom Hand
Jane Gossett
Melanie Newton

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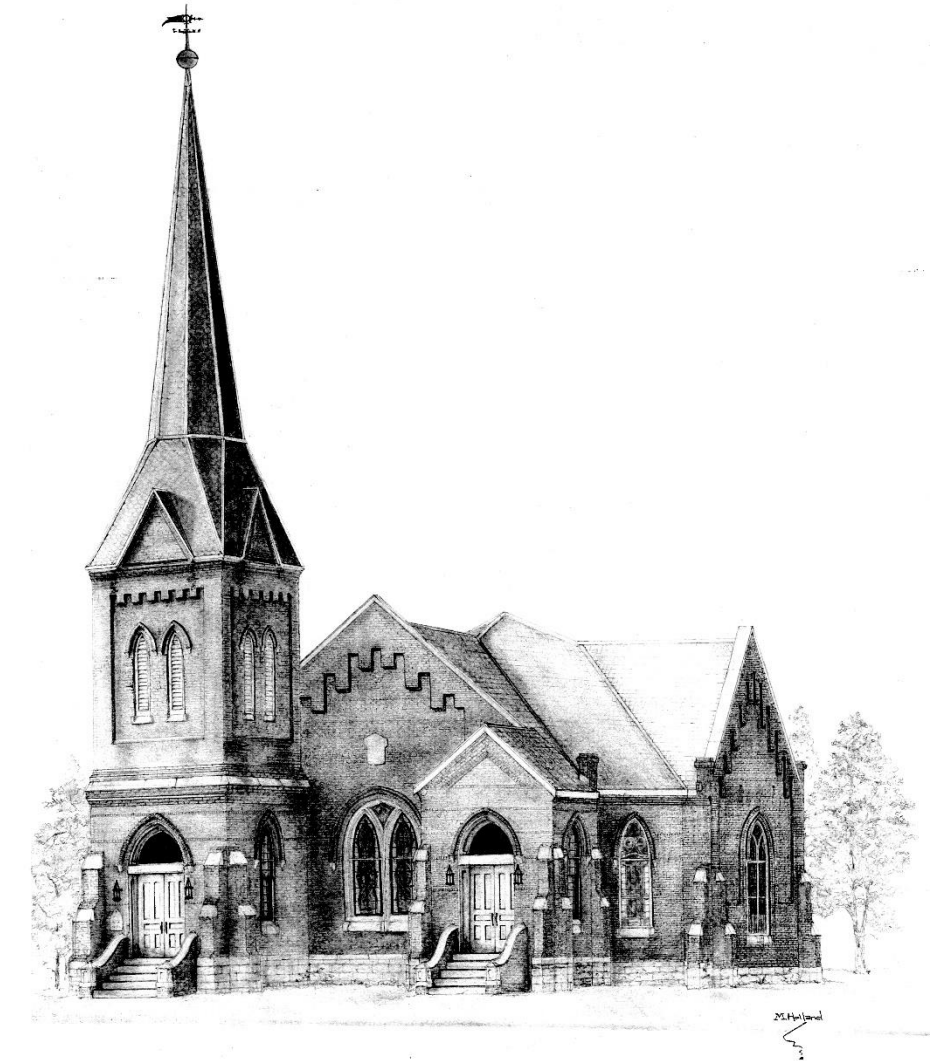
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Church on the Square



January 26, 2020
11:00 AM