

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #626 "As the Deer"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT "Something Beautiful" *Dr. Renee Huff*

WORDS OF PRAISE **Psalm 62:5-8** *Susie Lendermon*

For God alone my soul waits in silence,

for my hope is from the Lord.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,

my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart
before the Lord;

God is a refuge for us.

*OPENING HYMN #157 "I Danced in the Morning"

*OPENING PRAYER *Susie Lendermon*

**Holy God, in the midst of our busy lives, you call us to
join you on the journey. Too often we prefer the lures of
this world, to the abundant life you offer. Forgive us for
our shortsightedness. Lead us from the nets of our earthly
concerns, that we may follow your way, and discover
your truth.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE **Psalm 103** *Susie Lendermon*

God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us
according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's
steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is
from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from
us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Susie Lendermon

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #581 "Glory Be to the Father"**

Dr. Renee Huff

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:14-20

Rev. Jeff Binder

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"People Need the Lord"

(by Greg Nelson and Phil McHugh © 1983 River Oaks Music Co.)

SERMON

"Dropping Our Nets"

Rev. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #410 "God is Calling Through the Whisper"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

**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!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love
of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal P. 35*

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Jeff Binder

OFFERTORY

Dr. Renee Huff

***DOXOLOGY #606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #720 "Jesus Calls Us"**

***BLESSING & SENDING 1 Thessalonians 5:23** *Rev. Jeff Binder*

May the God of peace make you holy in every way,
and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body,
free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Now go out into the world to love and serve the Lord!
Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE #580** "The Trees of the Field"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONVERSATIONS SURVEY Our *Conversations* survey is up and running! We've had a great response so far, and we hope to keep the momentum rolling.

Session, in partnership with the Presbytery, has agreed to participate in the *Conversations* online survey assessment in order to have a formal process for collecting member feedback regarding the life, interests, and hopes of First Presbyterian. This survey is anonymous and quick and easy to fill out.

It is very important to get as many of our active church members to provide feedback as possible. You can find the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPCSTAUNTONVA>

If you would prefer a hard copy survey to be filled out, please let Heidi, Pastor Jeff, or Susie Lendermon know. All surveys need to be completed and turned in by **January 31**. Your feedback is needed and encouraged. Thank you!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: healing and comfort for Ann and Bill Ashworth; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; Karen Shipsted & Angela Pumpry (friends of Robin Knott); Charlie Obaugh; Natalie Dodge; Sherry von Oeyen; Alan Obaugh; Justin Tate; Anjie Wronko

Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Elders

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