SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 23, 2022



You are Invited to print this bulletin, or view it in a split screen on your computer.
Use it to help you take part in this live-streamed service of Lord's Day worship.
The video of this service will be posted on our YouTube site: FPCTallahassee.
A link will also be posted on our website: www.oldfirstchurch.org.

Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

GATHERING

Please observe silence at the ringing of the bell for reflection and centering.
The congregation is invited to sing the hymns and service music with masks in place.

Call to Worship

For God alone my soul waits in silence. Psalm 62:5, 12
Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.
Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. Luke 4:18, 21
May the word of God be fulfilled among us.

Voluntary Hymn-prelude: DOWN AMPNEY John A. Ferguson

Ferguson's (b. 1941) hymn arrangement of Ralph Vaughan William's tune for "Come Down, O Love Divine," Hymn 282

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Hymn 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun DUKE STREET

*Prayer of Confession

The Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness are offered from the baptismal font. We believe that baptism enacts and seals God's grace, offered freely to all people.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.

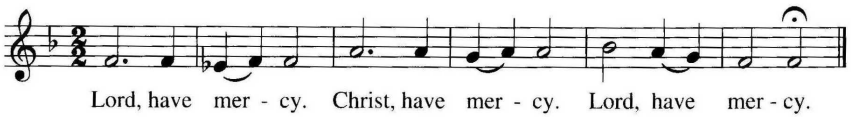
Silence is kept.

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord, Have mercy."

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*Kyrie Eleison — Hal H. Hopson



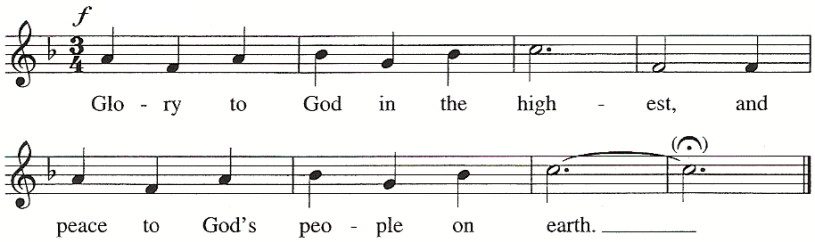
*Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria in Excelsis Deo ("Glory to God in the Highest") is a hymn of praise developed from Luke 2:14 (sung by the angels to the shepherds announcing Christ's birth).

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*Gloria in Excelsis — Hal H. Hopson



*The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The reader offers a phrase to mark the end of each reading, such as, *The Word of the Lord,* or *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.* The assembly responds, **Thanks be to God.**

First Lesson — Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19, No. 61 — Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect — CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

Second Lesson — 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The hymn sung immediately before the reading of the Gospel is called the **Gradual,** or **Gradual Hymn,** which refers to the step (Latin *gradus*) from which it was chanted in medieval church practice.

*Gradual Hymn 317 — In Christ There Is No East or West — MCKEE

Gospel Reading — Luke 4:14-21

After the reading of the Gospel the reader says, *The Gospel of the Lord.* The assembly responds, **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed — *Hymnal, Page 35 (front)*

Various forms of the **Apostles' Creed** were used from the second century onward.

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.

Welcome, Announcements, Friendship Register

Prayer Concerns and Prayers of the People

THE EUCHARIST

Eucharist means "Thanksgiving."

Offertory

Anthem — How Lovely are the Messengers — Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Text: Romans 10:15, 18 (paraphrased) in Mendelssohn's oratorio *St. Paul,* Op. 36, 1836

Music: Mendelssohn (1809-1847), 1836

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The **Prayer of Thanksgiving** begins with an exchange between the minister and people called the *Sursum Corda,* meaning "hearts lifted." This dialogue dates to the 3rd century or earlier.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

*The Lord's Prayer — *Hymnal, p. 35 (front)*

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.

SENDING

*Blessing

*Hymn 772 — Live into Hope — TRURO

*Charge

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Voluntary — *Deo Gratias* — François Couperin

The final movement of Couperin's (1668-1733) *Mass for the Convents,* 1690

Thanks be to God

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Presider and Preacher	Margaret O. Fox
Reader	Esther Moring
Prayer Concerns	Debbie Gibson
Choir	The Adult Choir
Organist & Choirmaster	Michael Corzine
Video Team	Teonna Glispy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God's family. Learning in Worship packets are in the narthex. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in them. Child care for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Parents and children are encouraged to sit downstairs toward the front so that children may participate fully in worship.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each aisle. Please note that during worship the **Education Building** is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To make use of this system, switch your hearing aid to the T—telephone mode. If you do not have a compatible hearing aid, a wireless receiver/ headset is available from an usher.

Large print versions of the hymnal *Glory to God* and the Sunday Order of Service are available from the ushers.

The hymns used in the service are no longer printed in the bulletin. If you are worshipping at home and do not have access to a hymnal, please call the church office and we can provide you with one. If you do not live in Tallahassee or cannot come to the church, hymnals are available for purchase at this website:

Glory to God (Purple Pew Edition, Presbyterian) Hardback : PC USA Store

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