

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Presbyterian Church  
Tallahassee, Florida

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 29, 2023, 11:00 AM



## GATHERING

Ringing of the Zimbelstern

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary                      O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee                      Timothy Hoekman

\*Call to Worship

We proclaim the message of the cross:                      Psalm 15:1-5

**Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends  
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;**

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those in whose eyes the wicked are despised  
but who honor those who fear the Lord;**

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money  
at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

**Let us worship God together.**

\*Hymn 738                      O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee                      MARYTON

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear.

**And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do.**

**We live as though we were not the recipients of grace upon grace.**

We have withheld what is not our own.

**We have judged where it was not our place.**

We have sinned by what we have done and what we have failed to do.

**We know that we have sinned. We seek your forgiveness and  
your reconciliation and strength that we may follow in the way  
you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us.**

We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.

*[Time for silence]*    **Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Alleluia.    **Amen.**

\*Response—Hymn 377    I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light                      HOUSTON  
*[first stanza]*

\*The Peace

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

**And also with you.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

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

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

I Corinthians 1:18-31

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

Second Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

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

\*Proclamation Hymn 816 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

Third Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

## EUCCHARIST

\*Affirmation of Faith (from the Declaration of Faith)

**God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness.**

**We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility.**

**We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people.**

**Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.**

**Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt.**

**We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.**

**Amen.**

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

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 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.**

Call to Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Pray that Jerusalem

Charles Villiers Stanford

Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity;  
let them that love thee and thy peace have still prosperity.  
Therefore I wish that peace may still within thy walls remain,  
and ever may thy palaces prosperity retain.  
Now for my friends' and brethren's sakes,  
peace be to thee, I'll say;  
and for the house of God our Lord  
I'll seek thy good alway.

Today's affirmation of faith is Section 4 (God made us for life in community) of Chapter 2 (the Maker and Ruler of All) from the Declaration of Faith adopted by the PCUS in 1977 and by the PCUSA in 1985. It was included in a liturgy for this Sunday written by Baron Mullis and provided for free distribution. © Presbyterian Outlook, 2023. For more about the Declaration of Faith, see "Notes about this Lord's Day Worship" (p. 4).

"Kingdom" or "Kindom"?  
Our Scriptures were developed when Kingdoms represented the going political structure. But now we realize that other Biblical metaphors, like *koinonia*, more adequately capture the kinds of communities that Jesus taught and preached about—communities of genuine kin-ships, communities of care.

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford was born in Ireland and is known for his association with English choral music. He was professor of music at the Royal College of Music and taught many notable composers, including Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Gustav Holst, and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ all people here below,  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

### SENDING

- \*Hymn 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE
- \*Charge and Benediction
- \*Voluntary If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee J. S. Bach

### SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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|---|-----------------------------|
| <i>Presider and Preacher</i>            | Rev. Anne H.K. Apple        |
| <i>Liturgist</i>                        | Esther Moring               |
| <i>Prayer Concerns and Celebrations</i> | Bo Elzie                    |
| <i>Choir</i>                            | The Adult Choir             |
| <i>Interim Choir Director</i>           | Ethan Murphy                |
| <i>Organist</i>                         | Timothy Hoekman             |
| <i>Video Team</i>                       | Owen Nichols and Carl Morse |

### NOTES ABOUT THIS LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

Today’s affirmation of faith is an excerpt from the Declaration of Faith. Though only the *Book of Confessions* has constitutional standing, the 197th General Assembly (PCUSA, 1985) adopted as its own the action of the 177th General Assembly (PCUS, 1977): “That ‘A Declaration of Faith’ be adopted as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration...” (Minutes, PCUS, 1977, Part I, p. 168). See <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/declaration-faith>.

### 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.

**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 use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T—telephone mode or request a wireless receiver/headset is available from an usher.

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

**Newsletters and brochures** are in the narthex display rack.

**Adult Choir** rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the choir room. Anyone interested in singing is welcome to join. For more information, please contact Ethan Murphy.

#### MEMBERS OF SESSION 2022-23

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Emily Bruno	Peggy Wright-Cleveland	Jane Atkinson
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## February 5, 2023

Gifts will be accepted throughout the month.

How can we meet our sisters and brothers in their greatest moment of need? Every day, someone in the world experiences hard times. When difficulties happen, a simple act of kindness can make a difference and be the miracle someone was praying for.

You can be a part of that miracle. By partnering with CWS through our Blankets program, you can respond to neighbors in their greatest moment of need in a practical and hands-on way.

For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Through the generosity of CWS partner organizations, congregations and individual supporters, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters. When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way.



- \$10** CWS Blanket
- \$25** CWS Blanket and a CWS Hygiene Kit
- \$30** Three CWS Blankets (two wool and one fleece)
- \$45** Three CWS Blankets and a CWS Hygiene Kit
- \$60** Blanket Bundle! Three wool CWS Blankets and three fleece CWS Blankets