

JANUARY 10, 2021
BAPTISM OF THE LORD — FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
11:00AM SUNDAY WORSHIP, LIVE STREAM
GATHERING

PRELUDE Mass for the Convents

François Couperin

Plein jeu, Fugue sur la Trompette, Offertoire sur les grands jeux

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

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Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION

It's easy to lose hope,
especially when the problems and divisions we face seem insurmountable in our lives,
the church, our country, and our world.

But the psalmist reminds us that our hope is in the Lord.

Let us together confess the ways that we harm each other and ourselves
when we lose sight of the source of our faith and hope.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God our light and salvation,
our strong fortress and hiding place,
we confess our lack of hope and trust in you.
We can feel so small in the midst of our struggles,
in the midst of uprising, riots, and pointed fingers,
in the midst of chaos, bloodshed, and insurrection,
that we feel our work is insignificant when the problems we face loom so large over us.
As a result, we have become complacent, complicit, and slow to act.
Help us to look to you as our source of hope.
Help us to act out our faith and represent your hope and truth
in our communities and throughout this nation.
Help us to be active participants and partners with you
in bringing your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shows us the way, even when we are too blind to see. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Take a deep breath.
Let God's sacred spirit fill your heart, your soul, your mind.
Breathe in the grace of new life.
Know that we are not off the hook, but we are forgiven.
Be at peace. Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

1. Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, _____ whose grace has
2. World with-out end, _____ with - out end. A - men. World with-out end, _____ with - out

par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, _____ whose love has set me free. As it
end. A - men. World with-out end, _____ with - out end. A - men.

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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

Psalm 46

SOLO Canonie Etude in A-flat Major, Op. 56, No. 4

Brent Neuenschwander, Organ

Robert Schumann

NEW TESTAMENT READING

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

Mark 6:14-29

SERMON

"I'll Huff and I'll Puff and I'll Blow Your House Down?"

Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

MATERNA

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

HYMN God of Love, We've Known Division

BEACH SPRING

God of love, we've known division and we've seen its awful cost.
We have struggled as a nation, and there's much that we have lost.
We have been house divided — and, divided, we can't stand.
May our nation be united; give us peace throughout this land.

Turn us, Lord, from what divides us — fear that drives us far apart,
greed that leads to great injustice, racist ways that break your heart.
May we seek what brings together — hearts that bear each other's pain,
care and mercy toward our neighbors, love that welcomes strangers in.

May we all, in conversation, speak the truth and listen well.
May we hear, across this nation, stories others have to tell.
May we learn from other cultures and be blessed by their worldview;
May we serve with one another — loving others, by loving you.

You have challenged us to goodness; you have shown a kinder way.
It's your love that now inspires us as we seek a better day.
May we end our harsh division; may we stop the hate and fear.
Make us one, Lord, as a nation; may we be united here.

SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

Wayne Wold

Music Notes:

Hymn 39: Great Is Thy Faithfulness — William Marion Runyan, 1923. Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Hymn 338: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies — Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882. This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

Assisting with Worship:
Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling, Pastor/Head of Staff
Carrie Winebrenner, Resident Pastor
Brent Neuenschwander, Director of Music Ministries and Organist
Chancel Choir: Quinton Davis, Kathryn Miller, Cassandra Petrie, Billy Pitts, Jen Poiry

Thank you for joining us today.
We welcome you to join us for worship next Sunday, January 17, 2021 for
♦ *11:00am English-speaking service for Live Stream via Facebook, website or YouTube*
♦ *11:00am Korean-speaking via YouTube video or YouTube live.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Fellowship and Church Tour — January 17, 2021 @ 12:30pm...

Join us after worship on January 17 at 12:30pm for a church tour and virtual fellowship. Bill Patterson, member and Property Manager, will be our behind-the-scenes guide on this tour of First Pres and Pastor Annie will join him as his sidekick. Are there parts of the building you're missing? Ever had a burning question about why a President is in the stained glass window of the Chapel? And why do we have doors on our pews? Now is your chance to get your questions answered! Zoom link forthcoming.

Coffee With The Pastors — January 24, 2021 @ 9:30am...

Have you been visiting at First? Join us for our virtual "Coffee with the Pastor" on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 9:30 am. We'll meet on Zoom with virtual treats and real answers about who we are as a church and as Presbyterians in a friendly and fun environment, while also meeting some other great people! Email cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org with questions or to let us know you'll be there!

Music Series Concert — Sunday, January 24, 2021 @ 4:00pm...

This event will be live-streamed and will include Johanna Bourkova-Morunov on the violin and Brent Neuenschwander, FP's Director of Music Ministries and Organist, on the organ.

ZOOM EVENTS

Wired Word — Sundays @ 9:30am via Zoom...

Join Meeting: zoom.us/j/841496772. Call-in Number: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 841 496 772;
Passcode: 2604267421.

Table Talk 1 — Wednesdays @ 10am via Zoom...

Join Meeting: zoom.us/j/241730827. Call-in Number: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID 241 730 827;
Passcode: 2604267421.

Men's Bible Study (all men invited!) — Fridays @ 10:00am via Zoom, all men invited!...

What: Gospel John and Metzger's book. **How:** Please read Gospel John chapter 1 and 2, and page 21-35 of the Metzger's book. Also, we will talk about the uniqueness of Gospel John compared to other gospels. Contact: Rev An, ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org.

Women's Bible Study — Fridays @ 1:00pm via Zoom...

Join Meeting: zoom.us/j/904041033. Call-in Number: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID 904 041 033;
Passcode: 2604267421.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Thursdays (every other) @ 7:00pm via Zoom (January 14, January 28, February 11, February 25, March 11 and March 25, 2021)...

Join Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/959800674?pwd=b3loMFZlZ0FSZWdGdGV1b04wOVlCdz09>.
Call-in Number (no video): 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 959 800 674; Passcode: 2604267421.

Pledges and Offerings...

We invite you to mail in pledges and offerings to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 10390, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46852, or go online and give at www.firstpresfortwayne.org, where you can also find updated information on our events. Thank you for your gifts!

CHURCH OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

(other than what is noted below)

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New Office Hours: Wednesday from 10:00am-2:00pm

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