

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3rd Sunday After Epiphany
January 24th, 2021 10:00a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Leader: For just this hour Jesus calls saying...

People: Follow me

Leader: Christ says, "listen to my word" and...

People: Follow me

Leader: Jesus asks that we live as disciples every day saying...

People: Follow me

Leader: Pray, so Christ changes you and so you change the world
on the way when he says,

People: Follow me

Leader: Sing and praise God for Jesus Christ who is with us
always, saying....

People: Follow me

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill our worship. Come Christian
people, let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn** "I Love You Lord" No. 627

I love you Lord, and I lift my voice, to worship you O my soul,
rejoice! Take joy my king in what you hear, may it be a sweet,
sweet sound in your ear.

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***Prayer of Confession**

God...you call us...and sometimes...we duck down and hide, hoping
you didn't notice and knowing someone else will answer. You call
us and sometimes we are too busy and overwhelmed to be able to
answer. Sometimes we fill our lives so full of worldly noise we
cannot hear your call for us.

You call us and sometimes we don't like what you want us to do, or
the people you want us to do it with. When you call we confess that
we often forget that your call comes asking us to be ourselves in
the places where our very self is what is most needed. So give us

the grace to say "yes" to your call and give us courage and patience
to serve in the ministry of the church through all difficulty with
loyalty, faithfulness, and love. We offer our silent confessions...

***Assurance of Pardon**

***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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Children's Time

Margaret Poppell

First Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis

Special Music

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF RULING ELDERS

Marilyn Culpepper, Steve Brown, Janice Musgrove, and Janece Campbell

***Hymn** "Give Thanks O Christian Peoples" No. 644
(see insert)

Prayers of the People 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.

***Closing Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" No. 321

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord. She is his
new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n he came and
sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought
her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of
salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she
blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

