

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

January 31, 2010

Gathering of God's People

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Concerns of the Church

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Adagio

Edward Elgar

Introit

You Alone Are Holy

You alone are holy; you alone are worthy; you are filled with splendor and with awesome wonder. For our sins you suffered, died and resurrected, granting us salvation, giving us eternal life. You alone are holy, you alone are worthy; you are filled with splendor and with awesome wonder. Send your Holy Spirit; may it shine upon us. Let your wondrous glory with its radiance fill this place.

All: You alone are holy; you alone are worthy; you are filled with splendor and with awesome wonder. For our sins you suffered, died and resurrected, granting us salvation, giving us eternal life.

*Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongue of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love,

I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love,

I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions,
and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,
but do not have love,

I gain nothing.

Faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.

*Hymn of Praise 376

Hyfrodol

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,

Celebrating God's Grace

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us a more excellent way, a way of love that is greater than all other ways. We confess that we have neglected love. We have failed to receive it, and we have failed to extend it. We tie it up with conditions. We make it conform to our terms. WE cannot accept that it is boundless. Forgive our timid responses to your great gift. Open us to love's possibilities, and expand our view of what love can accomplish, even in us.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 572 *Lord Have Mercy* Merbecke
***Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.***

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri 579

***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. Amen.***

*Greeting One Another in Christ's Name.

The Peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you!**

Anthem *The Summons* arr. John Bell and Gary Daigle
*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will
you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will
you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me? Will
you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you
care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you
risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will
you let me answer prayer in you and you in me? Will you
let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the
prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the
leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what
I mean in you and you in me? Will you love the 'you' you*

hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? Lord, your summons echoes true if you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 71:1-6

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New Testament Lesson Luke 4:20-30

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

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 1:4-10

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Sermon

I'm Just Sayin'

Rev. Sue A. Riggle

Responding to God's Word

Hymn of Response 426

Lord, Speak to Me

Canonbury

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Lord, be Glorified* Bob Kilpatrick
In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.

All: In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

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.

Going in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment *This Little Light of Mine* Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...

Everywhere I Go, I'm gonna let it shine...

*Benediction

FPCJ Weekly Prayer Concerns

Church Members

Corina Barbee; Susan Baggarly; Joanne Foster; Pat Fox; Archie Fountain; Penny Fort; Virginia Suty; Florence Landers; Pat Cooper; Bob & Joanne Foster; Pete Garcia and family; Beauford Roberts.

Family & Friends of Church Members

Norma Barbee (stepmother of Tim Barbee); **Renee Gold** (friend of the Belle Isle family); **Cindy Anderson and family** (friends of Melissa Ham); **Dr. Hector Lopez**; **Dot Harber** (cousin of Eloise Belle Isle); **Carolyn Scroggins** (friend of Kevin & Wendy Taylor); **Jerry Kopp** (friend of Albert Wallace); **Mary Katherine Wood** (granddaughter of Oliver & Pat Wood); **Jose Smith**; **Carley Scroggins** (cousin of Wendy Taylor); **Dean Pritchett** (friend of Marvin Ham); **Claudia Mertl** (friend of Baggarly family); **Ruth Anne** (friend of Linda McElroy); **Melvin & Lorraine Saunders** (cousins of Ruby White); **Ruth Hays Smith** (friend of Susan Baggarly); **Sarah & Mel Griffith** (parents of Deanie Turner); **Becky Diaz** (cousin of Raymond Baggarly); **Taylor Hulsey** (12 year old critically ill cancer patient); **Byrdie Bevel** (Aunt of Pat Woods); **Inez Rutledge** (mother of Wendy Taylor's office manager); **Good Shepherd Clinic**; **Dick & Barbara Fox** (Pat Fox's brother and sister-in-law); **Richard Sandifer** (brother-in-law of Walter & Gwen Taylor); **Dianne Campbell** (friend of Ruby White); **Steve & Cheryl Lewis** (son-in-law of Dr. Charles & Margaret Carter (friends of Carolyn Fox); **Debora Bryson & family** (friends of Elaine & Ronnie Piper); **Christopher Brewer** (Betty Bush's grandson); **Jack Silvernail** (uncle of Corina Barbee); **Michael Foster** (Bob & Joanne Foster's son); **Jasper Hartz**; **Justin Elliott** (friend of Laura Parkhouse).

Military

Marc Maketo; Josh Hamby; Jason Ali-Talha; William R. Robinson; Alan & Regina Simpson Gulke; Daniel Hudalla; Kyle Hudalla; Morgan Nickerson, Ryan Tewell; Philip Ham, John Ham, Chris Lankford and Spencer Hardy.

Areas of Service – January 31, 2009

Fellowship – Christian Education

Ushers – Eloise Belle Isle, Jane Luetkemeyer, Ronnie Piper, Traci White

Worship Assistant: Kevin Taylor

WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

All of us have a vocation, or calling, from God. Just as Jeremiah and Jesus were chosen for unique ministries, we also are known by God, and have received gifts for ministry. Today's readings challenge us to acknowledge those gifts and accept our own vocations. Our vocation is grounded in our love for God and one another and faith in God's Word. *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak* is a prayer that we may hear God's word to us, then share it in our speaking and living. The writer of *The Summons* imagines Jesus speaking to us as he did to the disciples, calling us to find our true selves in following him. The word of God, burning in us is irrepressible, leading us to join in singing the joyful African-American spiritual, *This Little Light of Mine*. the light we have received is meant to be passed on.

Global Christian Education Minute
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Minute for Mission: Theological Seminary

For you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you” (Jer 1:7). Bold words to Jeremiah and to the many women and men still called to ministry. These days, seminary students often graduate with such large debt they can only “speak” to the larger congregations that can afford to call them.

Molly and Jim Crawley of the First Presbyterian Church, Norman, Oklahoma, thought that a good way to support ministry would be through a gift to Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in the form of a three year annual scholarship to cover tuition, room and board and books for a student’s entire seminary education. “The idea of supporting a school that is sending graduates out to small and suburban churches seemed like a good idea to us” said James Crawley.

The someone happens to be Middler student Deb Schmidt from the rural town of Winfield, Kansas. Schmidt’s home church, First Presbyterian, has about 250 members and Schmidt is only the second person from there to attend seminary. She was thrilled to be selected for the Crawley scholarship. “I had already made up my mind to come here but the scholarship definitely confirmed that this was the path to follow”, said Schmidt.

She enjoyed getting to know the Crawley's when they visited the campus her first semester. Schmidt affirms, "It seems to me that we are in ministry together for whatever it is that God has planned."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today immediately following worship. Copies of the Annual Report are available in the narthex.

A reminder: The first Sunday in February we will be collecting the "jars of change" designated for missions.

*In 2010, a year of growth and change, you can count on mid-week fellowship every Wednesday at FPCJ. **Starting in January, bible study will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday nights in the FLC.*** If you are strapped for time, bring a sandwich to munch. Not to worry, the third Wednesday of each month will continue to be our wonderful Wednesday Supper nights, also at 6 p.m. Bring your bible and bring a friend!

Beginning in January, the choir will rehearse on Wednesday night at 7 pm. Come for bible Study, stay for choir! *All are welcome.*

The Church at Prayer meets at 1:30 PM every Tuesday, in the parlor, to intercede on behalf of the church and community. Please join us. If you would like more information, contact Ruby White.

The Juanita Hambrick Circle meets at 10:00 AM the second Tuesday of each month. All are invited to attend.

The Breakfast Bunch meets the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM at the Dwarf House on Tara Boulevard. *Everyone is welcome!* For additional information contact Eloise Belle Isle.

Good Shepherd Clinic prayer requests are located in the pink box in the narthex. Please be sure to check the box, and pray daily for the concerns listed.

Please make your prayer requests by using the card found in the friendship pad or you may call the church office (770-478-8118) during the week. All names will be printed in the bulletin and included in prayers during the week and the following Sunday. Please keep the prayer list current; advise the pastor or church office of changes as soon as possible.

Endowment Riddle: What can grow without being fed, and might never be used up?

Items we save to benefit various organizations:

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