A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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Calendar for this week:

Sunday, January 24

10:30 am Worship w/Communion

Preaching...... Rev. Judy Holmen
Communion Prep..... Marley Melbye

Usher & Greeter...... Craig & Connor Morgan

Organist...... George French
Music Director..... Sandy Perkins

Coffee Fellowship...... n/a

Reader..... Marsha Odom

Wednesday, January 27

6 pm Bell Practice

Next Sunday, January 31

10:30 am Worship

Preaching.....

Usher & Greeter...... Gordy & Monica Terpstra

Organist...... George French
Music Director..... Sandy Perkins

Coffee Fellowship...... n/a

Reader..... Lynne Mullins

First Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

*Those who are able may stand

PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS
Kerri B.



SONG OF CONTEMPLATION Bells of Praise

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We gather around the words of Christ:

"Come, and follow me"

We gather around the voice of the Spirit:

"Come, and follow me"

Let us worship God together

And follow Christ into the world.

*GATHERING HYMN #401" "Here in This Place" (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS: (Unison)

O Holy God, you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you, yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our lives. We distract ourselves from your call with busyness, stress, and worry. We tangle ourselves in webs of racism, sexism, and hatred that disguises itself as fear. Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness, open our ears to hear your voice saying to us, "Follow me."

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Where can we go from God's Spirit? Where can we flee from God's presence? If we ascend to heaven, God is there. If we descend to the depths, God is there. If the darkness covers us, God makes the night bright as day, and God's hand shall lead us. We are forgiven, for we are loved. You are forgiven, for you are loved. You are precious to God. You are God's child, the Beloved; with you God is well pleased.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (Responsive)

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

SERMON Rev. Judy Holmen

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY #<u>721</u> "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (vs. 1,3 & 4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord in your mercy **People:** Hear Our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION (Responsive)

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: "Follow Me". **Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #<u>526</u>"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (vs. 1 & 3)

*DISMISSAL (Responsive)

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*POSTLUDE



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th!

Don't forget to bring your \$'s for the Souper Bowl of Caring collection on Sunday, February 7th!

Please continue to be in prayer for:

Betty Johnson
Debby Novotny (Lynne's sister)
Karen Mullins (Lynne's sister-in-law)
Nancy Amiot (the Finkenbinder's niece)
Brent Blake and the Blake families
JoAnn Westburg



HERE IN THIS PLACE

Here in this place the new light is streaming; Now is the darkness vanished away; See in this space our fears and our dreamings Brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; Gather us in, the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall awaken; We shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven, light years away; Here in this place the new light is shining; Now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; Gather us in and make us your own; Gather us in, all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
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LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; You only asked me to follow humbly.

refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, And while smiling have spoken my name; Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, full of caring, Through my labors to give others rest And constant love that keeps on loving.

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You, who have fished other oceans, Ever longed for by souls who are waiting, My loving friend, As thus you call me:

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LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY

Let us talents and tongues employ, Reaching out with a shout of joy; Bread is broken; The wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again; Earth can breathe again; Pass the Word around: Loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in,
Sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
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