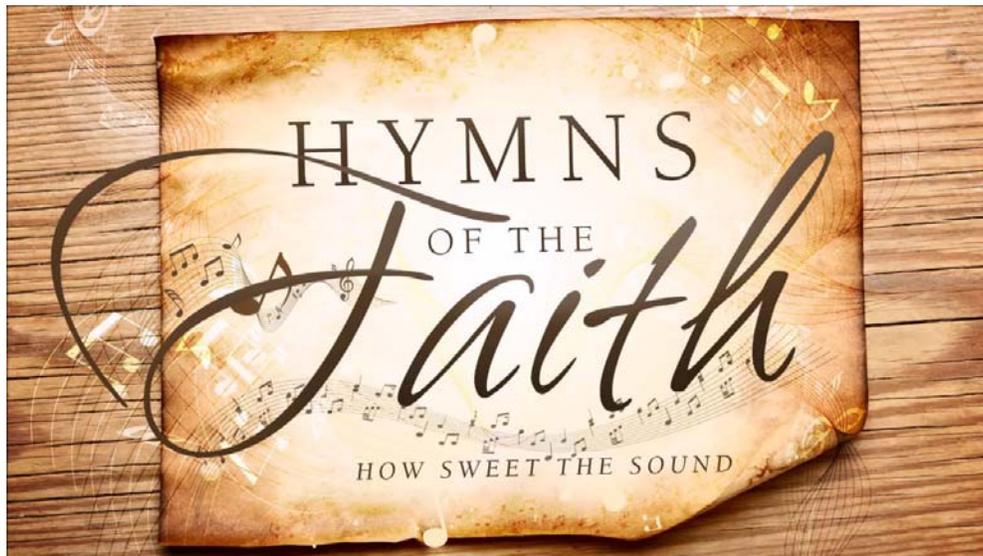


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 31, 2021
10:45 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, Texas
Link to worship videos available at: www.fpcbryan.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Softly and Tenderly

arr. Shirley Brendlinger

WELCOME

Let us hear the words of Psalm 30:
Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful servants of God.
Give thanks to the Lord's holy name.
Weeping, at times, may linger through the night, but joy comes with the morning!

HYMN NO. 819, st. 1,2 (1752)

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

HYMN NO. 649, st. 1-3 (1772)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved,
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

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Text in **bold face type** is to be read by all.

HYMN NO. 721 (1979)

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

**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.**

HYMN, st. 1,2 (1883)

I Know Whom I Have Believed

EL NATHAN

**I know not why God's wondrous grace to me is daily shown,  
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.**

REFRAIN **But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."**

**I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,  
nor how believing in his word wrought peace within my heart.** REFRAIN

HYMN NO. 625, st. 1,2 (1885)

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

REFRAIN **Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my souls, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:** REFRAIN

#### MID-SERVICE PRAYER

Eternal One, forever blessing with love, unite us with one another near and far. Unite us in worship, song, and prayer. Grant us, your servant people, the grace of worship, the power of fellowship in faithful service, and the investment and enlivening of trust in your Spirit related to your seeking our lives for your sacred purposes. All honor and glory be to you, the Sacred Source of all life and of all life-being-made-new. Amen.

HYMN NO. 661, st. 1 (1905)

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

SPARROW

**Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,  
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

REFRAIN **I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

HYMN NO. 730, st. 1 (1929)

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

**I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.**

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.**

## CLOSING PRAYER

Show us again, Holy Sovereign, as this week begins, that we are no masters of the art of living, but those who repeat some tasks in new hours and face new tasks and challenges in other hours with self-doubt and lacking confidence. Help us to approach tasks, responsibilities, and trials with patience from you, with trust in you, and with love for all your people. Draw near to all who are grieving, who are worrying, who are enduring pain, disappointment, and despair. Lift up this nation with your healing, energizing, constructive possibilities. Guide our paths as individuals and as local, regional, and global communities, to honor every person and to journey and serve together. Also, hear us as disciples of Jesus, praying as he taught: **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 NO. 821, st. 1,2 (1869)

## How Can I Keep from Singing

## HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

**My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.**

REFRAIN **No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?** REFRAIN

## DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

May God be gracious unto you. May God's face shine upon you and light your path in life.

## POSTLUDE

## Redeemed

arr. Cindy Berry

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**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available in the narthex. Please help yourself or ask an usher for assistance.

**NEW MEMBERS** may be received any Sunday by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership. If you feel led to inquire about becoming a church member or deepening your commitment as a disciple of Jesus Christ, please indicate your desire on the fellowship folder. You may also call the church (979.823.8073) or email Pastor Ted Foote ([tfoote@fpcbryan.org](mailto:tfoote@fpcbryan.org)) or Associate Pastor Emily Béghin ([ebeghin@fpcbryan.org](mailto:ebeghin@fpcbryan.org)). They will be glad to arrange a mutually convenient Sunday when you can be received by the Elders and introduced to the congregation.

By vote of Session on December 30, First Presbyterian moved to an **altered Sunday morning format for an indefinite time (hopefully not long), that began January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Due to the COVID-19 infection, active case, and hospitalization rates, FPC – to assist the efforts of health providers and public officials – is suspending Sunday morning “full worship” in the sanctuary. **The sanctuary will be open in this calendar period each Sunday, from 10:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (regular time)** for “come-and-go” contemplation, prayer, and receiving the Lord's Supper. All who choose to participate in this opportunity are encouraged to wear a mask and observe physical distancing.



## A WARM WELCOME!

*We are delighted that you chose  
to worship with us today.*

### WORSHIP NOTES

#### WORSHIP LEADER

David Kipp,  
*Director of Music Ministries*

#### LITURGISTS

Rev. Ted Foote  
Rev. Emily K. Béghin  
Rev. Dr. George E. Klett

#### MUSICIAN

Michelle Lassiter, *piano and organ*

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### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 31, 2021

9:00am Loose Leaf Church School Class-via Zoom

9:20am Seekers Church School Class-via Zoom

**10:40am Sanctuary** \* open for prayer, meditation, and Lord's Supper;

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#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

11:00am Staff Meeting-L

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021

#### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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9:20am Seekers Church School Class-via Zoom

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The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter is Noon, Sunday, February 7. It will be distributed on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. This newsletter will cover news from February 18 thru March 3.