



January 21, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, BWV 639

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Prelude on the Hymn Tune *Galilee*
Jesus Calls Us

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

stand, in body, spirit, or voice

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 62:5-8)

One: For God alone we wait in silence, for our hope is from God.

All: **God alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress; we shall not be shaken.**

One: On God rests our deliverance and our honor;

All: **Our mighty rock, our refuge is in God.**

One: Let us trust in God at all times, O people; let us pour out our hearts before God:

All: **For God is a refuge, a safe place, for us all.**

One: Thanks be to God!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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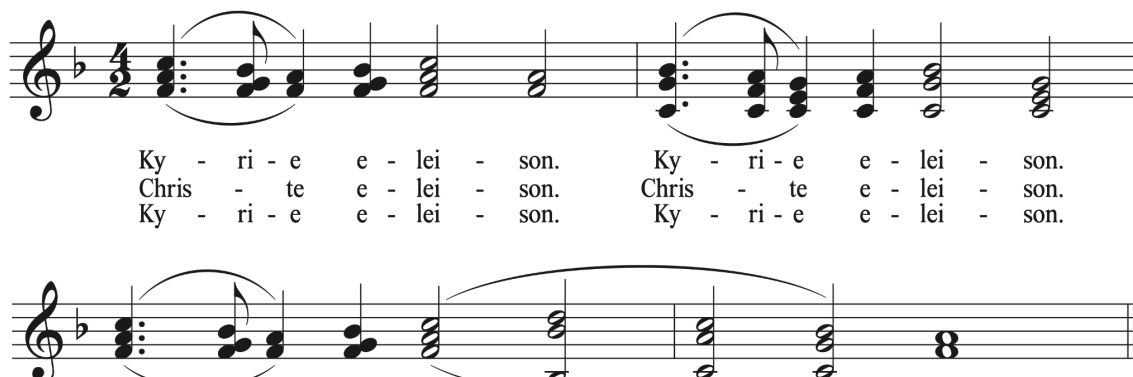
all are seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Loving and Gracious God, we bow our heads before you, for we know that we are in need of both prayer and Your mercy. We are aware of the tender places in our souls, tender places of regret and sorrow. Like the citizens of Ninevah who heard Your call through Jonah's preaching, help us to hear Your word through song and scripture this very day. We implore You to give us another chance to repent and our souls be healed.**

There follows a moment of silence for prayers of confession.



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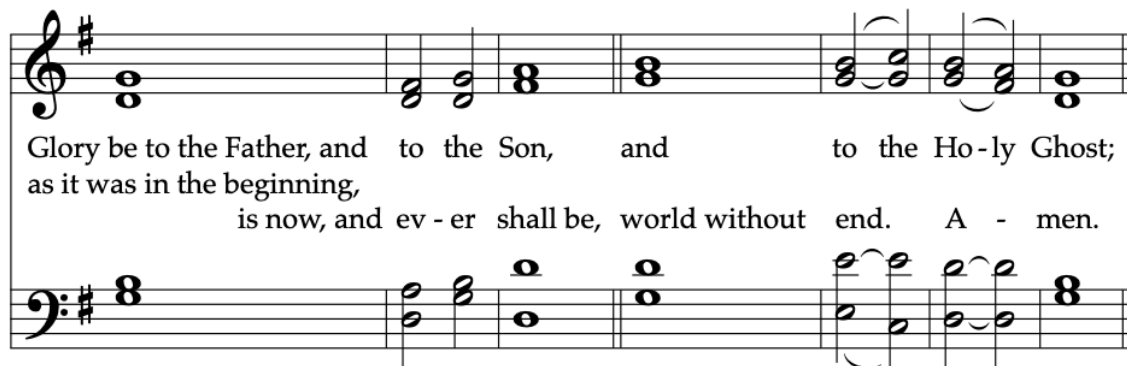
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jonah 4:2

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GLORIA PATRI

Traditional Scottish chant



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

all are seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 1:14-20*

Liturgist

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Tune: GALILEE by William H. Jude
arr. Lois M. Hopkins

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me."
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
Jesus calls us by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call;
Give our hearts to Thine obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.

~Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Jonah 3:1-10*

Rev. Rhonda Cooper

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *A Second Chance: When Good Things Happen to Bad People*

Rev. Rhonda Cooper

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HYMN OF RESPONSE 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

Following the hymn, you may bring any prayer request cards to the front of the sanctuary, or signal an usher to assist you.

all are seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: REMEMBERING LIVES LOST TO GUN VIOLENCE IN 2023

Purple Ribbon List (January 12-16)

Deon Beasley	36	Male	Black	<i>We hang a purple ribbon on the Park Avenue side of our building to remind us to pray for the victims, survivors, and perpetrators of these acts of violence in Baltimore City. If you would like to join in putting up a ribbon after worship, please signal an usher.</i>
Jazmyn Reed	30	Female	Black	

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

*If you wish to give online via, scan this QR code or visit www.firstfranklin.org.
If you would like to give your offering by mail, please send it to the church office.*



AT THE OFFERTORY

I Can Tell the World

Traditional spiritual
arr. Moses George Hogan (1900-1900)

I can tell the world, yes, about this,
I can tell the nations, yes, that I'm blessed.
Tell 'em what my Lord has done,
Tell 'em that the conqueror has come,
And he brought joy to my soul.

My Lord done just what he said.

Yes He did, Oh Lord, yes He did!

He healed the sick and He raised the dead.
He lifted me when I was down.
He placed my feet on solid ground.

Oh Lord, He brought joy that mornin',
When He saved me.
Joy that mornin',
When He blessed me.
I'll tell it, how He brought this joy to my soul!

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DOXOLOGY 591

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise Christ, all crea -

tures, here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more; Praise Tri - une God, whom

we a - dore. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Phil Adams

One: God of light and love, open our eyes and ears to the needs of our community. May your call stir in our hearts and our minds with ways we might respond. Help us to be generous with our offerings of both tithe and talent so that this congregation can do your bidding. Bless these gifts and their use toward that end, In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

remain standing for

HYMN OF RESPONSE 332

Live Into Hope

TRURO

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *We Shall Overcome*

arr. Carl Haywood

It is the custom of this congregation to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude. Those wishing to exit may do so. Following the prayer of remembrance, please join us for fellowship in Reid Chapel. Grace and joy to all who have joined us in worship!



PRAYER REQUESTS

My father

My sister-in-law

The Schulman family

For those trying to stay sober

THREAD, a Baltimore youth partnership program

The family and friends of Charles Look - requested by Scot Spencer

Connie Dicembre - requested by Liz Dicembre

Deborah McCrimmon

Rev. Mark Phillips

Salimah

SAFETY NOTE: No staff or representative of First & Franklin will ever contact you about giving money or any other forms of payment to support individuals or families who may be on the prayer or birthday list. Please always take caution if you are asked to donate by anyone online or over the phone. If there is ever a question about whether something is legitimate, please contact the church office immediately.

GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Rhonda Cooper

Rev. Rhonda Cooper has been the Chaplain of the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital since 2005 and is an ordained United Methodist clergy person. She graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, and holds a master of divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. She served as a pastor for 15 years before becoming a hospital chaplain and is a Board Certified Chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Rhonda Cooper, *Guest Preacher*
Jason Kissel, *Minister of Music & Arts/Organist*

TBD *usbers*
Mike Johnson, *liturgist*

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Clarence Baney	Don Juedes	Meredith Piplani	Steve Roach	Christina Stewart
Anne Culbertson	Kirk McAuliffe	Jacob Plaisted	Doug Savin	Jan Trammell-Savin
Jake Elfner	John McLucas	Daveen Rim	Betty Schroll	Randy Veale
Zhenya Gnezdilova	Alex Mendelsohn	Ben Riniker	Marianne Shick	
Jim Harvey	Laura Oldham		Sandra Smith	

FIRST & FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Rev. Steve Nofel, <i>Bridge Pastor</i>	George Meagher, <i>Sexton</i>
Jason Kissel, DMA, <i>Minister of Music & Arts/Organist</i>	Anna Pollitt, <i>Office Administrator</i>
Deborah McCrimmon, <i>Director of Christian Arts & Education</i>	Aaron Houston, <i>Audio Engineer</i>

SESSION

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Becca Hollaway	Paul Fowler	Dave Pierson	Marla Holt	Anne Culbertson	Ryan-Paul Johnson
John McLucas	Alex Mendelsohn	Marianne Shick	Randolph Veale	Michael Johnson	
	Allie Pyan	Kris Stinson			



CALENDAR

Current as of January 16

01/26 Fri 12:00pm-1:00pm | Al-Anon (Backus House)
01/27 Sat 10:30am-1:30pm | 12-Step NA Meeting (Reid Chapel)
01/28 Sun 9:00am-10:00am | Adult Education
01/28 Sun 9:00am-10:00am | Sunday School
01/28 Sun 10:30am-11:30am | Guest Preacher, Rev. David Harris

For more information about these events, visit firstfranklin.org or call the office at (410) 728-5545.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CUBA DONATIONS NEEDED: Nusrat David, Matthew Davis, David Pierson, and Betty Schroll will travel to Taguasco, Cuba, on February 7 to spend a week with our sister church. We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new members of their church, participating in their programs, sharing the challenges that our communities face, and enjoying each other's company. Resources are presently very low in Cuba. We will take down suitcases with much needed supplies. Donations, both monetary and in kind, will be greatly appreciated. Please bring in donations by Sunday, February 4. If you have an old suitcase that we could use to transport items and leave in Cuba, please let us know. Thank you for your generosity.

1. Medications

- Pain Relievers (Aspirin (81 mg), Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, Motrin, Excedrin) All medicine must be chewable or oral, No GUMMIES, they will not be allowed into the country.
- Multi-Vitamins, Children and Adults, Vitamins C, E, B (Complex), B6, B12, D3, Iron, Zinc
- Adult and children's Calcium with D3
- Anti-allergy medicines : meclizine, benadryl (Benadryl), and others
- Skin ointments: triple antibiotics, triamcinolone, clobetasol, ketoconazole
- Glucosamine with chondroitin
- Antacids (alka seltzer, lansoprazole, picot salt)
- Antidiarrheals
- Rehydration salts
- Bengay or generic muscle rub
- Tums, Pepto-bismol (chewable)
- Band-aids
- Thermometers

2. Craft Materials (colors, colored paper, crayons, pencils, and others...)

3. Liturgical colored candles (green, white, red, and purple).

4. Liturgical cloths for the pulpit and communion table.

5. Rechargeable lamps for the blackouts in Cuba.

6. Laptops - They use the laptops for their liturgies, music, and worship. Even a used laptop is a great blessing.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: On Saturday, January 13th, the Food Pantry outreach ministry at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church distributed a total of 32 produce bags to the residents of the Mt. Vernon Community.

PURPLE RIBBON REMEMBRANCE: Today during our worship service, we will remember those who died by gun violence during 2023. The purple ribbons, with names attached, will be mailed to Mayor Scott with a letter of encouragement, thanking him for this year's reduction of violence and asking for continued and greater efforts to further reduce the violence in Baltimore. This letter will be shared with the congregation in the newsletter this week.