



January 28, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Tryggare kan ingen vara*
Children of the Heavenly Father

John Ferguson (b. 1941)

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

One: Who has come this morning to hear the Word of God?
All: **We have come, intending to open our ears.**
One: Who has come to fellowship with friends who share the faith?
All: **We have come, intending to open our hearts.**
One: Who has come to be blessed by the Spirit of Christ?
All: **We have come, intending to open our spirits.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

all are seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

from Psalm 15

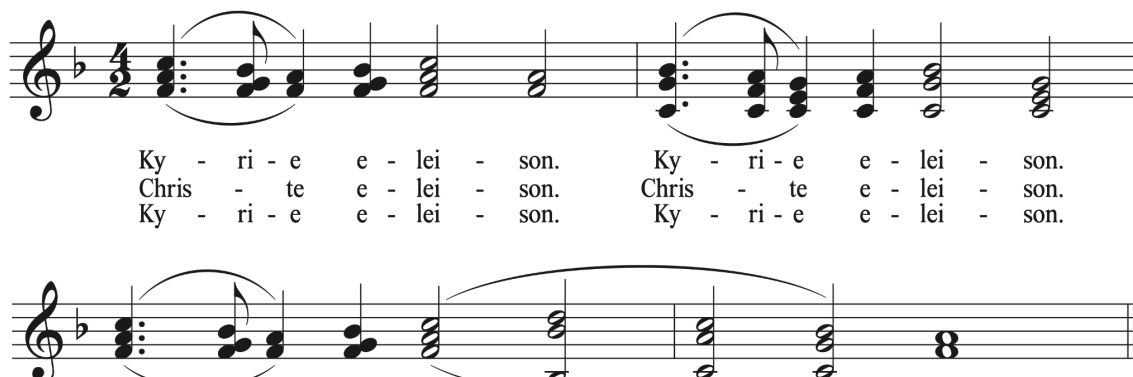
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Gracious Creator, we yearn for Your divine hospitality in this world. Therefore, we confess our shortcomings in matters of both attitude and actions. We lament our failure to be true and faithful to those around us: Family, friends, neighbors and strangers. We hold on to our resources as if they are life-giving, confusing the Giver with the gifts. Open Your heart to us: Give us renewed resolve to be the people we were created to be.**

There follows a moment of silence for prayers of confession.

KYRIE *sung in Greek*

Traditional liturgical text
Ukraine



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
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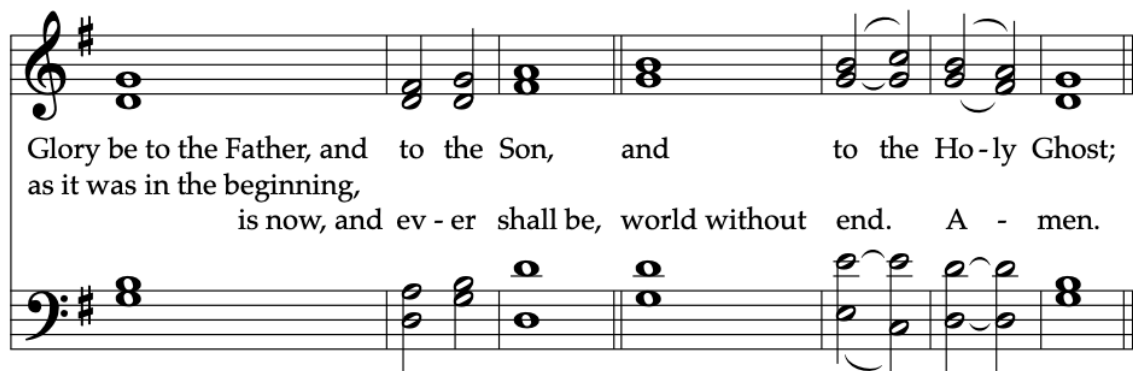
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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

stand, in body, spirit, or voice

GLORIA PATRI

Traditional Scottish hymn



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

inspired by I Corinthians 1:18-31)

Liturgist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Micah: 6: 6-8*

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Lord, Make Me Thine Instrument

David Stanley York (1920-2010)

Lord, make me an instrument of youThyr peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

~ Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 1: 9-14*

Rev. David Harris

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

SERMON *Engagement*

Rev. David Harris

stand, in body, spirit, or voice

HYMN OF RESPONSE 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

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

Purple Ribbon List (January 14-19)

Mary Schuman 60 Female White
Dominic Wynn 39 Male Black

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.

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

Ain'a That Good News!

Traditional spiritual
arr. William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

I got a crown up in a the Kingdom, Ain'a that good news!
I'm agoin' to lay down this worl',
Goin'a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin'a take it home-a to my Jesus,
Ain'a that good news!
I got a Savior in-a the Kingdom, Ain'a that good news!
I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom, Ain'a that good news!

stand, in body, spirit, or voice

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: Gracious and Merciful God, we bring these tithes and offerings today as a symbol of our gratitude for the love and forgiveness we have been shown. Help us to show that same compassion and tenderness to our community and to the world, to be faithful and just with the authority we have been given, and to always remember that the source of our strength and abilities comes not from within, but from you and your redeeming love for all mankind. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

remain standing for

HYMN OF RESPONSE 495

We Know That Christ is Raised

ENGELBERG

stanza 1	all
stanza 2	high voices
stanza 3	low voices
stanza 2	all

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C, BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

My father

My sister-in-law

The Schulman family

For those trying to stay sober

For peace & favor in an upcoming interview

THREAD, a Baltimore youth partnership program

Ward Bucher and his family - requested by Sandra Heningburg

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

James Soller and Karl Dornseifer - requested by Audrey Suhr

Connie Dicembre - requested by Liz Dicembre

Jay Swanson - requested by Jim Schroll

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. David Harris

David has been honorably retired since June 2016. His last position was as Acting Head of Staff Harundale Presbyterian Church from June to August 2017. Before that he was interim pastor at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church for 2 ½ years. He is a 1971 graduate of Louisville Seminary and ordained that same year. He has served in a variety of capacities in the Presbyterian Church, from consulting, to chairing committees, to guest preaching. We thank him for joining us this morning.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. David Harris, *Guest Preacher*
Jason Kissel, *Minister of Music & Arts/Organist*

Paula Crews and Dave Pierson, *ushers*
Jim Schroll, *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

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Becca Hollaway	Paul Fowler	Dave Pierson
John McLucas	Alex Mendelsohn	Marianne Shick
	Allie Pyan	Kris Stinson

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Marla Holt	Anne Culbertson	Ryan-Paul Johnson
Randolph Veale	Michael Johnson	

CALENDAR

Current as of January 24

02/01 Thu 7:00pm-9:00pm | Choir Rehearsal (Reid Chapel)
02/02 Fri 12:00pm-1:00pm | Al-Anon (Backus House)
02/03 Sat 10:30am-1:30pm | 12-Step NA Meeting (Reid Chapel)
02/03 Sat 1:00pm-3:00pm | Food Pantry (Backus House)
02/04 Sun 9:00am-10:00am | Adult Education (Reid Chapel)
02/04 Sun 9:00am-10:00am | Sunday School (Backus House)
02/04 Sun 10:30am-11:30am | Guest Preacher: Rev. Christa Burns

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



UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS (January 28-February 4)

BIRTHDAYS

Heidi Dessecker

Sonce Reese

Marianne Shick

Kris Stinson

ANNIVERSARIES

Haswell and Madge Franklin

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. The Food Pantry will be closed on Saturday, January 27th.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please join us February 11th immediately following worship for our annual congregation meeting. We will elect new officers, receive an overview of the budget, and hear about the great work being done by our committees and ministries.

ADULT EDUCATION EPIPHANY SERIES: Adult Education will continue our Epiphany discussion series Sunday morning January 28 at 9:00am in Reid Chapel. Steve Hollaway will present examples of personal epiphanies connected to near-death experiences.

VALENTINES FOR CUBA: Valentine's Day is a big holiday in Cuba. Their emphasis is more on friendships than on romance. What better way to share our love for our extended family than to send a valentine to Taguasco! Write a little note on a valentine and share something about yourself or about your concerns for them and their church or about how First & Franklin supports your spiritual life or what church activities excite you. Bring your valentines to church by February 4 and we will personally deliver your valentines to our beloved community in Taguasco. Thank you!