



February 5, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Tune: HOUSTON
arr. Wayne Wold (b. 1954)

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, as able

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Called to be light,

All: **We carry God's hope into the dark shadows of the world.**

One: Called to be salt,

All: **We season the lives of those around us with grace and healing.**

One: Called to live God's purposes,

All: **We yearn to grow in faith and know God.**

One: Come, let us worship.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 474

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

stanza 1 *all*

stanza 2 *low voices*

stanza 3 *high voices*

stanza 2 *all*

all are seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: The God who is revealed to us in the pages of scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who calls us to love one another. We seek to remove the barriers that keep us from that love. Come and confess what separates you from God and one another. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Living God, it is true that too often we break your commandments. It is true that too often we break your heart. Give us the humility to face these truths and know when we serve only our purposes, ignoring yours. Forgive us for what we have done, but especially for what we are leaving undone. It's not always comfortable because what you ask challenges us. Yet, we long to know. Fill us with your bountiful Spirit that we might have the courage to face what needs our attention, the energy to act, and the determination to continue to seek your will. In Jesus Christ, we pray.**

KYRIE 574

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: The good news is that when we face ourselves and God with an awareness of our need, we are given the grace to grow and continue the journey. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. As God's people, be merciful in action, ready to forgive as you have been forgiven, ready to love as you are loved and thankful for all that God has done for you.

stand, as able

RESPONSE TO OUR FORGIVENESS *see insert*

We Are Marching in the Light of God

South African Traditional Song

sung twice, in English

all are seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear your Word for us this day. By the Holy Spirit, silence all those voices stirring about in our minds that we might hear your voice alone and receive your truth in faith and love. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 58:1-9a*

Liturgist

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

spiritual, arr. Moses G. Hogan (1957-2003)

Lauren Redditt, *soprano*

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

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

My God gave it to me, Oh, children,

I'm gonna let it shine, Hallelujah.

In my home, All over the world, let it shine.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 5:13-20*

John McLucas

SERMON *Pass the Salt! Light the Light!*

Rev. Dorothy LaPenta's sermon

Delivered by John McLucas

stand, as able

HYMN OF RESPONSE 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

One: Dear Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. It is not my table. It is not your table. It is not First & Franklin's table. It is the Lord's table, and people are invited and welcomed from everywhere to sit at this table. This is not a table that requires people to have all the answers, or have it completely together in the faith. Jesus calls us to trust, and invites those who trust him to share the feast he has prepared. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

CALL TO PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you:

All: **And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts:

All: **We lift them up unto the Holy One.**

One: Let us give thanks unto our Host, our God:

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, searcher of hearts, lure of all that is good and true. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

from: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to
thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: In the beginning, there was the Word, there was the Creator, there was a breath of life. With that, began the world. Chaos transformed into order; day and night, land and sea, animals in the sky and those in the depths. With great creativity and love, God put the world in motion. God kept hands in the soil and breath in the air, and led God's people within history.

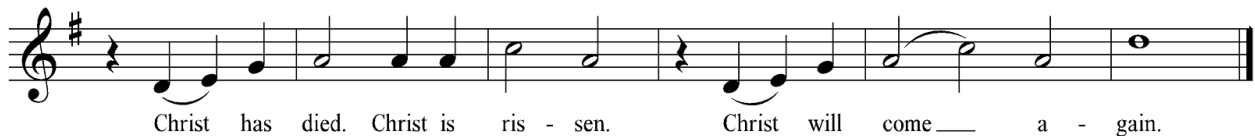
From our beginnings, we have told stories of God's glory and mystery, judgment and grace; Bible stories of great and terrible parents, of jealous brothers and wounded sisters, of great faith and huge doubt. Yet throughout, God's steadfast love abides. In the fullness of time, that creating hand, that soothing breath, that ever-present Word, came to dwell among all that was called good. In the person of Jesus Christ, we saw God leading as a teacher, grieving as a friend betrayed, suffering and dying at the hands of human destruction. Yet he rose, as a resounding message that the anger, the sinfulness, the separations and injustices, our human chaos, would never end God's purposes.

Remembering that Jesus, who trusted in the full arc of God's story, we gather around his table, and share in the ordinary meal that he still makes extraordinary. Let us take these simple gifts of bread and wine that have been passed down to us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Great is the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Jackson Hill



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Purple Ribbon List (January 23-28)

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|-------------------------|----|------|-------|
| Marcus Aslup | 42 | Male | |
| Dante Stansbury | 27 | Male | Black |
| Marquis Stuckey | 18 | Male | Black |
| Ivean Earl Williams Jr. | 25 | 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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same manner he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

One: Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake. Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves."

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All
see leaflet - sung by all

SWEET SACRAMENT

*We eat the bread, individually, as it is served, as a sign of our personal relationship with God.
We wait to drink the cup until all are served, the music concludes, and the celebrant reads:*

One: Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Cut off from me, you can do nothing."
So let us join together in sharing the cup of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: **We thank you God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son who is the true bread of heaven and food of eternal life. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our gratitude through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

OFFERTORY

*If you wish to give online via our website, use [this link](#) or scan the QR code.
If you would like to give your offering by mail, please send it to the church office.
Offerings are processed weekly.*



AT THE OFFERTORY

The Light of the World

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Zhenya Gnezdilova, *soprano*
Rachel Walsh, *alto*
Kirk McAuliffe, *tenor*
Jacob Plaisted, *baritone*

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any one hear my voice, and open the door,
I will come in to them, and will sup with them, and they with me.
Jesus said, I am the light of the world: they that followeth me shall not walk in darkness,
But shall have the light of life.
Jesus said, I am the good shepherd: that giveth his life for the sheep.
Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life.
Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.
Behold, I stand at the door and knock: I will come to you.

stand, as able

DOXOLOGY 591

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Written by Phil Adams

One: God of light and love, you seek us out in our everyday lives to work your justice in our world. Help us to use these offerings, our lives, and our spiritual gifts to cast the light of your love on all creation. Illumine for us the noble paths which loosen the bonds of injustice, deliver food to the hungry, shelter the homeless, vindicate the oppressed, and share your message of love for all people. Let us make no secret of the taste of your grace and light of your love, for in sharing these things we lead others to an awareness of your presence in our world. With praise, thanksgiving, and hope we pray. Amen.

remain standing for

HYMN OF SENDING 327

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b. 1945)

It is the custom of this congregation to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude. Those wishing to exit may do so.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary after the postlude.

Fellowship will begin at the conclusion of the meeting in Reid Chapel.

Grace and joy to all who have joined us in worship!

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

John McLucas, *sermon reader*
Rev. Rhonda Cooper, *communion officiant*
Jason Kissel, *Minister of Music & Arts/Organist*

Mike Johnson and Nusrat David, *ushers*
Audrey Suhr, *liturgist*

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

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

FIRST & FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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

SESSION

| CLASS OF 2022 | CLASS OF 2023 | CLASS OF 2024 | CLASS OF 2022 | CLASS OF 2023 | CLASS OF 2024 |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Sarah Lloyd | Joan Gordon | Paul Fowler | Nusrat David | Marla Holt | Anne Culbertson |
| Dave Pierson | Becca Hollaway | Alex Mendelsohn | Muddassar Iqbal | Randolph Veale | Michael Johnson |
| Marianne Shick | John McLucas | Allie Pyan | | | |

DEACONS

CALENDAR

Current as of February 3

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| 2/5 | Sun | 11:30am | Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) |
| 2/7 | Sun | 7:00pm | All Brahms: Benefit Concert (Peabody) |
| 2/7 | Tue | 7:00pm | Egerton~Roberts Board Meeting (Zoom) |
| 2/7 | Tue | 7:00pm | Peacemaking Committee |
| 2/8 | Wed | 7:00pm | Membership Committee |
| 2/10 | Fri | 12:00pm | Al-Anon (Backus) |
| 2/12 | Sun | 10:30am | Guest Preacher: Rev. Rhonda Cooper |
| 2/12 | Sun | 6:30pm | Super Bowl Party (Backus) |

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