

Call to Stewardship  
*All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.*

Offertory Wilbur Held  
“Prelude on a Welsh Hymn Tune”

\*Congregational Response Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth*  
**Doxology**  
**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Him all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Offertory Prayer

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**  
*(Gluten-free bread is in small cups on each tray.)*

Communion Voluntary arr. Anna Laura Page  
“Whiter Than Snow”

**Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

\*Hymn 301 v. 4-5 *Two Oaks*  
“Let Us Build a House”

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction

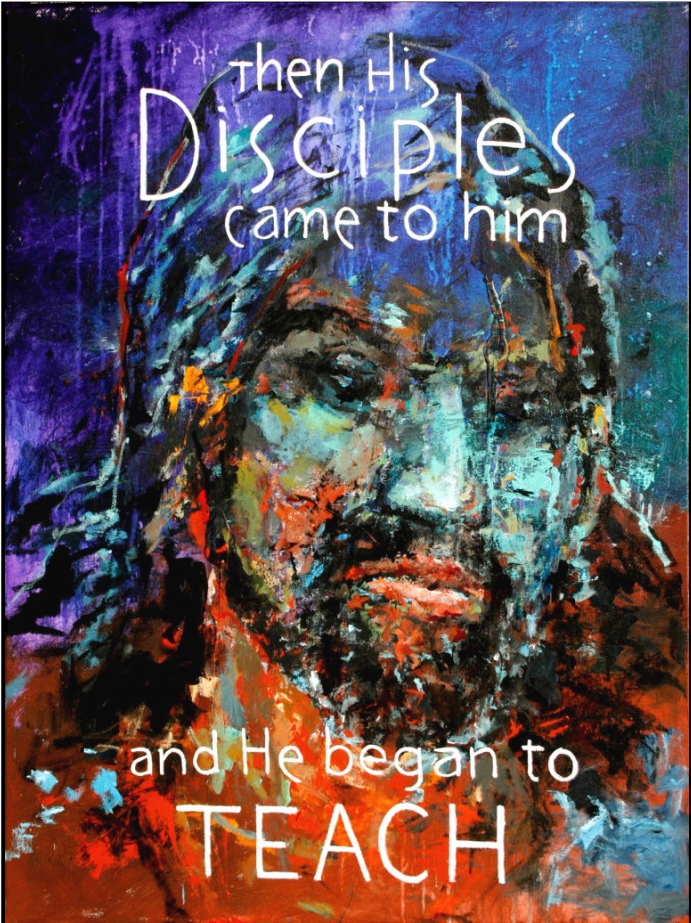
\*Closing Choral Response David H. Williams  
“Father, Give Thy Benediction”  
Sanctuary Choir

Father, give Thy benediction,  
give Thy peace before we part. Amen.

\*Peace of Christ  
The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**


\*Closing Voluntary arr. Anna Laura Page  
“I’ll Praise My Maker”

Music Today  
The Sanctuary Handbells are presenting “Bound for the Kingdom”  
which uses two Early American hymn tunes: *Warrenton* and *Promised Land*.  
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in church bulletins for congregational participation.  
Today’s Liturgy has been adapted from:  
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then his  
Disciples  
came to him

and He began to  
TEACH

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## THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

February 2, 2020

10:40 A.M.

### Holy Communion

*\*The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.  
Additional worshipers may enter  
as the congregation sings.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. ***(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshiping near you.)***

### Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary arr. Bill Ingram  
“Bound for the Kingdom”  
Sanctuary Handbells

Entrance of Baptismal Water, The Christ Light,  
and the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive) Erik Skov  
What does the Lord require of you,  
**but to do justice, love kindness, and  
walk humbly with God?**  
Let us worship God!

### Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn 2 *Italian Hymn*  
“Come, Thou Almighty King”

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love...**

#### Silent Confession...

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response Hymn 442 v.4 *Woodworth*  
**Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry Robert J. Powell  
“The Lord Has Heard My Voice”  
Sanctuary Choir

I love the Lord, because He  
has heard the voice of my supplication,  
because He has inclined His ear  
to me whenever I called upon Him.  
Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.

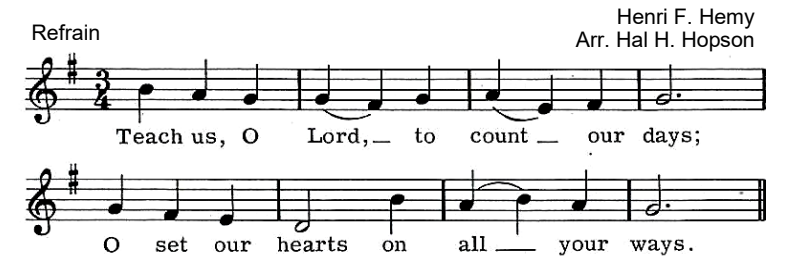
Children’s Moment The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz  
(Following the Children’s Moment, the children will be excused to attend Children’s Worship. Following the service, parents may pick their child up in room 6.)

### First Reading

Micah 6:1-8  
Pew Bible: Page 866

The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 Page 495 Cantor: Dianna Dixon



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### Second Reading

Matthew 5:1-12  
Pew Bible: Page 4

The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 301 v.1-3 *Two Oaks*  
“Let Us Build a House”

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Apostles’ Creed  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**