

*Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)
Westminster Larger Catechism 7.268 -7.270

By whom is the Word of God to be preached?

The Word of God is to be preached only by such as are sufficiently gifted, and also duly approved and called to that office.

How is the Word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto?

They that are called to labor in the ministry of the Word are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season, and out of season; plainly, not in the enticing word of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power; faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God; wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers; zealously, with fervent love to God, and the souls of his people; sincerely, aiming at his glory, and their conversion, edification, and salvation.

What is required of those that hear the Word preached?

It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord’s Prayer Choral Amen
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.

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

Offertory Wilbur Held
“Prelude on a Welsh Melody”

*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 (Unison)
With these offerings we would extend your love, O God, to those who have not experienced its healing power. May hatred be overcome and enemies turned from their evil intent. May the joy we know as we give flow out to those who benefit from our gifts. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

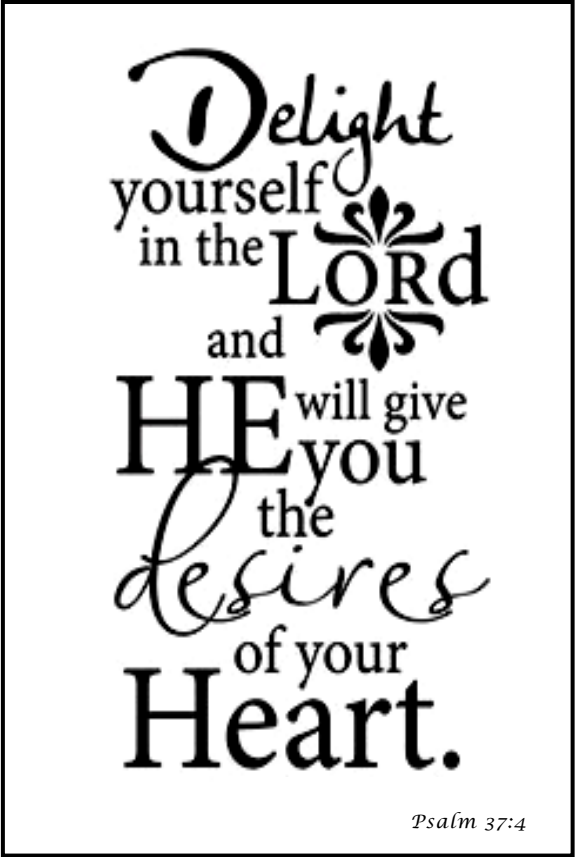
*Hymn 716 *Beach Spring*
“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response Healey Willan
Sanctuary Choir
The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.

*Closing Voluntary Alfred Hollins
“A Trumpet Minuet”



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

February 24, 2019

10:40 A.M.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshippers 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 worshipping near you.)*

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary arr. Janet Linker
“Assurance”

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

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come near to the One in whom we can trust;
God will give us the desires of our hearts.

**God has provided for us day by day and
preserves us in the midst of life’s calamities.**

Dwell together in the security God offers and fret
not about the world’s standards.

**We would be still before the majesty of God
and wait patiently for the Spirit’s leading.**

Open yourselves, that God may equip you to love,
to forgive, and to give.

**We seek to respond to the God who loves us by
loving as we wish to be loved.**

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

Ash Grove

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Forgive us, God, for betraying others, for making
comparisons that trigger envy and revenge, for
harboring attitudes that destroy rather than build up.
We confess our tendency to excuse ourselves for
behavior we condemn in others. We have been satisfied
with less than our best and with good appearances
rather than true substance. Be merciful to us, O God,
and transform our ways. Amen.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 701

Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Gordan

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” arr. Diane Bish
Sanctuary Choir

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I love Thee, because Thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I’ll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;

and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I’ll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now! Amen!

Children’s Time

Pastor David

Children’s Worship

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

Pew Bible Page 510

Cantor: Rusty Crownover

REFRAIN

Melchior Vulpinus
Arr. Hal H. Hopson



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*The sermon and the scripture are intertwined today.
Edie will read part of the story, preach,
then read more of the story,
preach again until the whole story is told.*

Sermon Text

Genesis 45

Pew Bible

Page 42 OT

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Edie A. Gause
ENOUGH!

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 815

Festal Song

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”