

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      Michael Bedford  
"I Will Give Thanks to You, O Lord"  
Sanctuary Choir

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
I will tell of all Your marvelous works.*

I will be glad and rejoice in You;  
I will sing Your Name, O Most High.

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
His praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.

I will give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.

\*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

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

\*Hymn 726      *Kelvingrove*  
"Will You Come and Follow Me"

\*Invitation to Discipleship

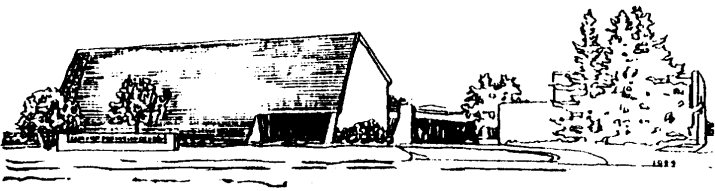
\*Charge and Benediction

\*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      Charles Callahan  
"Postlude on *Lobe den Herren*"



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I planted,  
Apollos watered,  
but God  
*gave the growth.*

1 Corinthians 3:6, NRSV



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## THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

February 16, 2020

10:40 A.M.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*\*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 worshipping near you.)***

### Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary                      Ralph Vaughan Williams  
"Hyfrydol"

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

Call to Worship (Responsive)                      Lance Mertz  
The word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light  
to our path.  
**God's word is sweet to the taste, sweeter  
than honey.**  
Teach us, O God, your holy way, for it is life to us.  
**Accept our offerings of praise. The earth is  
full of your steadfast love.**

### Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn 35                      *Lobe De Herren*  
"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Sometimes, God, your word is too much for us.  
You ask us to love our enemies, when we can scarcely  
love our friends as we should. You ask us to give when  
we want to take, and to forgive when we want to nurse  
bitterness. We thank you that you accept us as we are,  
and that you show us what we can be. Help us to  
believe that we can be loving, just, and holy like you;  
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

### Silent Confession...

### Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)

In Christ, we are given new life.

**The old is gone away, the new is before us.**

We are freed to live fully in the present.

**That's the good news that sets us free to love.**

\*Congregational Response Hymn 307 v. 2    *Cwm Rhondda*  
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.**

### Proclaiming the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Children's Music Ministry                      Vicki Hancock Wright  
"Let All the World Sing Praise"  
Carol choir

Let all the world sing praise!

*Praise the Lord, all ye nations praise,  
Praise the Lord, all ye people praise;  
Praise the Lord, all ye nations, all ye people,  
Praise, oh, praise the Lord!*

God's love is great, God's love is lasting,  
God's love is faithful, endures forever.

### Children's Worship

### First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pew Bible: Page 186

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

Psalms 119    Pew Bible Page 566    Cantor: Deb Kaiser

### Refrain

Hal H. Hopson



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### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

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### Sermon

The Rev. David A. Slyter

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Dennis*

### \*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.**