

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

695 E. Calvin Street, Fayetteville, AR 72703 • (479) 442-4411 • www.fupcfay.org

*Please stand as you are able.

February 17, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

(We invite you to take this time to prepare your hearts for worship.)

PRELUDE

Ubi Caritas

Marilyn Biery
Jeannie Lee, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others.)

Brianne Christiansen

RINGING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Ashleigh Hemphill
Alexander Hemphill

INTROIT

Sanctuary

Scruggs and Thompson
arr. Tornquist

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Philippians 4:4-7)*

Allie Wycoff

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I will say, Rejoice.

People: **The Lord is near! Do not worry about anything.**

Leader: Do not worry about anything, but let everything be known to God.

People: **The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Hunt Cummins

Lord of all creation, you have called us each by name.

We are yours, and yet, what is yours is not ours.

We seek control where we have none.

We mock your work because we're too lazy to pick up after ourselves.

We neglect our covenant with you.

We ignore your Word.

Grant us your grace and peace in the midst of our brokenness.

Forgive us, O Lord. *(silent confession)*

Help us to trust more in you and your timing.

Guide us to be good stewards of your creation.

Teach us to delight in your promises to us.

Inspire us, in all we do, to cling to your Word. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 205

Live In Charity (sing three times)

Glory to God

Live in charity and steadfast love.

Live in charity and God will dwell with you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Alex Pickell

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S SONG 2233

Where Children Belong

Sing the Faith

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song, this is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Hartley Allen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

It is well

K. DiMarco

Katie Hiburn, voice

Richard Lee, bass

Michael Shuman, piano

*Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of His voice.
And seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard.
And through it all, through it all, my eyes are on You. And through it all, through it all, it is well.
And far be it from me to not believe, even when my eyes can't see.
And this mountain that's in front of me, will be thrown into the midst of the sea.
And through it all, through it all, it is well. And through it all, through it all, my eyes are on You.
So, let go, my soul, and trust in Him. The waves and wind still know His name.
It is well with my soul.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jack Gordon

John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

I John 3:16-18

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

SERMON

How Do I Tend to My Relationships?

Chloe Stringer

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Luke Sexton

Leader: In the midst of our overstuffed schedules,
when we are pulled in a thousand directions
and have a million things to do,
the Bible reminds us that we are called
to look beyond ourselves,

to do nothing out of selfishness,
and to walk beside each other in love.

We do this because we follow Jesus:

People: **who, though he was in the form of God,
didn't think of equality with God
as something to hold onto
for his own advantage.
Instead, he gave up everything,
became a servant,
and was born as a tiny baby.
Then he humbled himself even more,
and became obedient to God
even to the point of death—
death on a cross.
In response to this obedience,
God lifted Jesus to the highest place of honor,
giving him a name that deserves respect
more than any other,
so that the mere mention of Jesus' name
would one day cause everyone—
in heaven, on earth and under the earth—
to fall to their knees in awe and wonder.
Because Jesus humbled himself,
everyone will come to know
that Jesus is Lord
to the glory of God. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Revs. Phil and Jan Butin

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Elder: We welcome these friends as they join with us in the work and mission of the church.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into this congregation. We are united with you in Christ. we promise to pray for you, to love, encourage, and support you, and to share the good news of the gospel with you, for we are all one in Christ.

PRAYER OF WELCOME

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 749** *Come! Live in the Light! (verse 1)*

Glory to God

Come! Live in the Light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;

we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Generosity Cards are available in the pews for offering our thanks, time, talents, and treasures.)

OFFERTORY

O rejoice in all Your works

W. Kimbrough
Music Ministry Interns

*Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light, All creation looks to You for its breath
and for its food; from the goodness of Your hand we're satisfied.*

*Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest, every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
All creation looks to You for its breath and for its food; from the goodness of Your hand we're satisfied.*

*May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips with the chorus of creation join in praise
To the God that made all things, to the Spirit who sustains, to the Son who over all creation reigns.*

*Oh rejoice in all Your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature You have made declares Your praise.
We rejoice in all You've made, God of all sustaining grace;
With the mountain, sky, and sea we sing Your praise.*

*RESPONSE 2162

Grace Alone (verse 1)

Sing the Faith

**Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide,
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jacob Christiansen

God, in your grace ... **You hear our prayers.**

**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.**

SENDING

*HYMN 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

Glory to God

*BENEDICTION

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

(As we leave, we are called to be God's light in the world.)

*RESPONSE 59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

POSTLUDE

My Song is Love Unknown

R. Vaughan Williams

+ + +