

## The Worship of God

Third Sunday after the Epiphany – January 26, 2025 – 9:00 Morning Worship

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!**

PRELUDE

“Meditation on Finlandia”

Brenda Portman

WELCOME

### GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens.**

Let God’s knowledge rise in us.

**Let God’s glory shine all around us.**

OPENING PRAYER

Sculptor of the heavens and the earth, creator of the sea and sky,

we praise your holy name because you created us in love

and ordered our lives that we might live with peace, joy,

mutuality, unity, and abundance.

**Help us see the goodness that is all around us**

**in the beauty of your creation**

**and the framework of your commands.**

Help us hear your word this day.

**Let it shape us and make us new once more.**

SING

“This is My Song”

#340 VS. 1 and 2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We like to think ourselves open to new ways and new ideas.

**We tried that once and it didn’t work!**

We claim to be welcoming and hospitable.

**Who invited that person?**

And we truly desire help from new members.

**We have always done it this way.**

(Pause for reflection.)

Hear our prayers of confession.

In our humanity,

**we sometimes become set in our ways.**

In our fear,

**we can be reluctant to break out of familiar routines.**

In our complacency,

**we are not always willing to try new things.**

God, for all the times when we have cut off the dreams, hopes,

or imaginings of your reign, we are truly sorry.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Indeed, the Spirit of God is upon you.

Therefore, the words of your mouth and the meditations of your heart

are acceptable to God, your rock-solid companion and the liberator of your soul.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

#### SING

"One Bread, One Body"

#530

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:14-21

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

#### REFLECTION

Chaplain Tim Haworth

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### SING

"Gather Us In"

#401

### GIVING OUR GIFTS

#### DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#609

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Great Dreamer: inspire us in your ways,

that in our imaginings, hopes, and prayers,

we become the fulfillment of all that is possible in our world,

our neighborhood, this place, and in each of us.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

## SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

#### SING

"This Is My Song"

#340 VS. 3

### SENDING

We have heard God's words and trust that the Spirit is upon us.

May we be inspired to be a living fulfillment of all that is possible with God.

**Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

"March in F Major"

Alexandre Guilmant