

First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
January 28, 2024 *Sanctuary Worship, 10:30 a.m.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

BELL PEAL & WELCOME

ORGAN PRELUDE – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. D. Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Baker, Liturgist

ONE: God's praise endures forever,

ALL: and eternity meets us in fleeting moments.

ONE: God's praise endures forever,

ALL: and glory bursts into ordinary activities.

ONE: God's praise endures forever,

ALL: and faith is steadfast in the midst of change and challenge.

ONE: Let us worship the Eternal God

who calls us to this time and place.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***HYMN 276 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ONE: Fellow seekers, nothing can be hidden from the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth,

whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

ALL: Gracious God, we confess there are many times we forget you.

We focus on what troubles us and ignore the help you offer.

We seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places.

In thoughtless moments, we harm the earth and each another.

**Forgive us. Remind us to live each day focused on your
purposes revealed in Christ who loves us.**

(A time of silence is observed for personal confession.)

ONE: In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

ALL: Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: Beloved Community, hear the good news:
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone. New life has begun.

**ALL: Thanks be to God that we can make a new start,
forgiven and set free.**

***GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #579**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**ALL: Source of Wisdom, still our minds as we listen to the Scriptures.
Keep us alert and attuned to your life-giving Word. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Pew Bible, page 153

ONE: The Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL RESPONSE – Softly and Tenderly

W. Thompson

Traci Weiss Thornton & Lucas Wilburn-Weiss, Vocalists

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.*

*Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me?*

*Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.*

GOSPEL READING – Mark 1:21-28

Pew Bible, page 812

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord!

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor, Pastor

***HYMN 2177 (in Sing the Faith) – Wounded World that Cries for Healing**

RESPONSE

We give of our whole selves in gratitude for all of God's gifts.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

**ALL: 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 at 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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.**

CALL TO LOVE, JUSTICE & PEACE



Your generosity builds God's beloved community and changes lives!
At FPC, we gratefully and joyfully welcome your giving:

In-Person: Offering plates are available at the exits after worship.

Online: Via your bank or www.fpcdunedin.org and clicking "GIVE."

Volunteer: Ask for a "Volunteer Opportunities" flier or call our office.

CHORAL OFFERING – There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. A.&M. Podd

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." 91*

**ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*HYMN 372 – Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE – Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. J. Carter

*TIME OF GREETING

***Thank you for worshipping with us today!
You are invited to share in a time of fellowship and refreshment.
Please join us now in Hager Hall.
All are welcome!***