



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023
10:30 a.m.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

BELL PEAL & WELCOME

PRELUDE **“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”** **arr. Whalum**

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27)

LEADER: Blessed:

PEOPLE: the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek.

LEADER: We gather to hear who Christ calls blessed;

**PEOPLE: those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
the merciful, the pure in heart,
the peacemakers, the persecuted.**

LEADER: Blessed.

***HYMN #457** **“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we fail to do what is right.

Instead, we pursue evil and do not speak the truth.

Even when we try our best to be faithful, still we turn away from you.

Forgive us, accept us, and save us, that we may seek to do what you call good.

(silent confession and prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)**

**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.

CHORAL OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible page 757)

Choral Setting "Offertory" by John Ness Beck

CHOIR: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12 (Pew Bible page 785)

LEADER: The Gospel of the Lord!

PEOPLE: Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

"Peculiar Blessings"

PEACEMAKERS
WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN
IN SPIRIT
THEIR IS THE
KINGDOM
OF GOD
PERSECUTED
FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS
THEIR IS
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RESPONSE

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

***HYMN 408**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 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

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.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“He's Got the Whole World in His Hands”

arr. Livingston

***DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591)**

**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 OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

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

***HYMN #382** “Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

***BENEDICTION**

May the **PEACE** of Christ, the **LOVE** of God,
and the **COMMUNITY** of the Spirit, be with you.

***POSTLUDE**

“Great Day”

arr. Powell

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor

Preacher

Lucas R. Wilburn-Weiss

Choir Director, Organist & Pianist

Marion Yongue

Liturgist

Jeff Cockrell, Tim Dickson, Ken Huff, Steve Markel, Merry Lynn Morris, Jamie Webb

Sound & Video

GROW SPIRITUALLY

Grow spiritually this coming week by reading these scriptures we’ll use in worship:

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-12

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Psalms 112

Matthew 5:13-20

Need a Bible? Just ask. We’d be glad to give you one.

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- **Online** – through your bank or by going to www.fpcdunedin.org and clicking “GIVE.”
- **Volunteer** – Ask for a “Volunteer Opportunities” brochure or contact the church office.