

First Presbyterian Church of Springfield
Order of Worship for the Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 17, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

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Welcome

We Approach God

Call to Worship

Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. **We welcome the Anointed One, who makes us whole.**

Look! God's Chosen One, who calls us each by name. **We greet the Messiah, who summons us to follow.**

Come and see—the Lord is here! Our hearts are made glad by God's grace. **Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of the Day Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” *The Presbyterian Hymnal* 395

Blessed Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you. By your gospel true and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded, till your Spirit breaks our night, filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding. Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading. Hear the cry your church now raises; hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Call to Confession 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.

Prayer of Confession Gracious God, you claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you, but we do not always live out this calling. We stifle the gifts you have given us rather than using them for your glory. We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness rather than showing love to our neighbors. We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in our world and shy away from

sharing the good news. Forgive us, Lord. Transform us by your Spirit, so that our words may further righteousness and our deeds be pleasing in your sight. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will run and not be weary; they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament 1 Samuel 3:1 – 20 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament John 1:43 – 51 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Of Figs and Faithlessness" The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Hymn "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" *Glory to God* 299

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name. The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Invitation to the Offering There is only one God, from whom all things come and for whom we live. In gratitude and faith, let us offer our lives and gifts to the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Holy God, how precious are your thoughts! In wisdom, you teach us your way and call us to follow you. Help us to trust you in all things. Then we will be at peace, knowing that you do what is best. May these gifts advance your peace in our community and to the ends of the earth. Amen.

God Sends Us into the World

Hymn of Dedication “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” *Glory to God 837*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction

Dr. Anderson