

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

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## Meditation

*"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising  
against the disorder of the world." ~ Karl Barth*

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

CHORAL INTROIT

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Pastor Eric Garner

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

**Know that the Lord is God. Since God has made us, God will preserve us.**

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

**Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; giving thanks to God and praising the Lord's name.**

For the Lord is good; God's love endures forever!

**God's faithfulness continues through all generations and forevermore!**

HYMN

*Come, Great God of All the Ages*

GTG 309

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

Glorious Lord,

**You are the one who leads us from darkness into light,**

**From captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace,**

**From despair into joy.**

**Yet we long to break free,**

**Choosing independence, convinced of our own wisdom,**

**Forgetting your love and grace.**

**Forgive us,**

**Draw close to us, embrace us once again in your loving arms,**

**And enable us to follow you in worship and grateful service**

**Each day of our lives.**

**Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Eric Garner

Jesus has acted boldly on our behalf: He has confronted sin and death so as to bring us the healing that we need. Be confident in the truth that he is enacting the grace of God.

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

**GLORIA**

*Gloria*

GTG 581

Musical score for Gloria, GTG 581. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It features a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The score includes a first ending bracket and a final double bar line with a repeat sign.

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor Eric Garner

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Noa Malone

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

GTG 288

Musical score for Sung Prayer for Illumination, GTG 288. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It features a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The score includes a first ending bracket and a final double bar line with a repeat sign.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Leviticus 19:9-18, 33-34

Clarenda Harroun

**9** "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. **10** You shall not strip your vineyard bare or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

**11** "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. **12** And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.

**13** "You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. **14** You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

**15** "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. **16** You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.

**17** “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. **18** You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

**33** “When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. **34** The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Colossians 1:15-23

Pastor Eric Garner

**15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, **16** for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**21** And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, **22** he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, **23** provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Cosmic Justice*

Pastor Eric Garner

**HYMN**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

GTG 754

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Pastor Eric Garner

**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.**

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Pastor Eric Garner

**CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY**

GTG 607

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low; praise  
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Eric Garner

**POSTLUDE**

Ben Marti



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**CALENDAR**

- Sunday, February 9: 10:20 a.m.  
**Kidz Club**  
 FPC Kids Room
- Sunday, February 9: 11:30 a.m.  
 WiredWord Adult Sunday School  
 FPC Library
- Tuesday, February 11: 6:00 p.m.  
 Committee Night  
 All FPC Meeting Rooms will be used

**Eric Garner, Pastor and Head of Staff**

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