



*Sunday Worship*  
*January 16, 2022*  
*Draw near to God*  
*for God is waiting for you.*

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

*PRELUDE*

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP*

*We gather remembering that we are called to be the people of God, servants of Christ in the world.*

**We gather to receive again the life that is given us, to be renewed and strengthened to fulfill our task.**

*We gather, quite simply, because Jesus is Lord.*

**We celebrate that; we wrestle with that; we take our stand on that being true. We have come together:  
Let us worship God.**

*\*OPENING PRAYER*

**Gracious God, in and through your love bring us together in this hour. We give thanks to you, we praise you, we worship you, Lord of Life. Keep us open and honest in this time together that we might find that which we are seeking—the strength and nourishment to be your people, loving as you love, for that is where all life begins. Amen.**

*\*HYMN #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*CALL TO CONFESSION*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

**Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE*

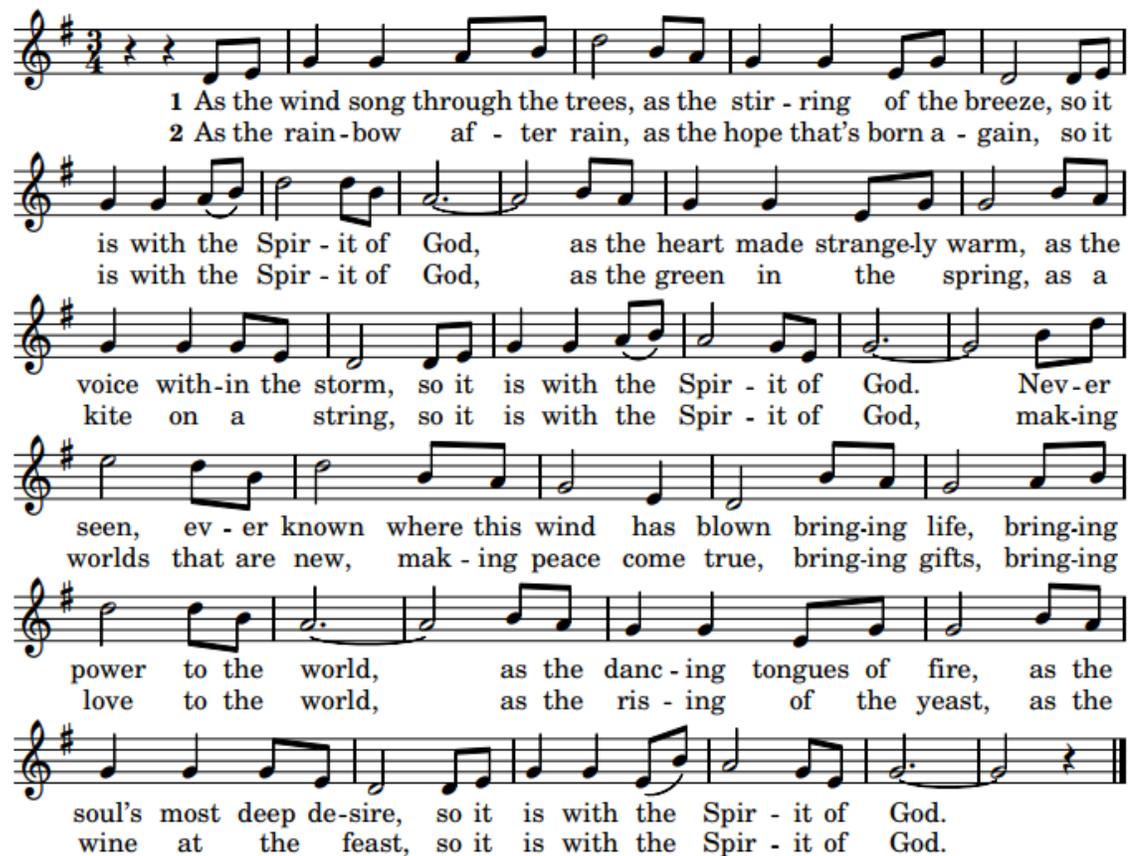
... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

*\*GLORIA PATRI*

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.

*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON* Isaiah 62:1-5 from *The Message*

*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN*



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the breeze, so it  
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a - gain, so it

is with the Spir - it of God, as the heart made strange - ly warm, as the  
is with the Spir - it of God, as the green in the spring, as a

voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God. Nev - er  
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of God, mak - ing

seen, ev - er known where this wind has blown bring - ing life, bring - ing  
worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing

power to the world, as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the  
love to the world, as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the

soul's most deep de - sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
wine at the feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON* John 2:1-11

*SERMON* Carrying the Water

*RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING*

*\*DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

Ever-faithful God, we long to be faithful givers, modelling ourselves on you who have given everything to us. May your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we ask or imagine, grace these gifts for your kingdom in Jesus' name, Amen.

*JOYS AND CONCERNS*

*PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER*

Let us now pray to the Father of light that we may truly become the salt and the light of the world. Let us say:  
Lord, let your light shine in us.

*That there may be more love on earth, Lord, we ask you to incline people to be more understanding and friendlier to one another and to share more readily with those in need, so we pray:*

**Lord, let your light shine in us.**

*That there may be greater justice on earth, incline governments and public officials to make room in their priorities and budgets for the socially deprived and those out of jobs, we pray:*

**Lord, let your light shine in us.**

*That there may be more peace on earth, incline all nations to put an end to words of hatred and threats of revenge, we pray:*

**Lord, let your light shine in us.**

*That there may be more joy on earth, incline all those who follow your Son to show sympathy and affection to one another, to be faithful in our friendships and concerned about our communities, we pray:*

**Lord, let your light shine in us.**

*That there may be more faith on earth, incline all your sons and daughters to live as children of light before you and in the sight of people, we pray:*

**Lord, let your light shine in us.**

*That there may be more healing on earth, incline those who care for the sick, in mind body or spirit, to provide whatever means are at their disposal to bring about wellness, we pray:*

**Lord, let your light shine in us.**

*Lord God, we pray that your light may shine on all the earth. However limited we are, let our words and actions reflect the light of your love, in the name of Jesus our Lord. We offer now the prayer which he taught us:*

**Our Father, who is 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.**

*\*HYMN #761* Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called as ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

*\*BENEDICTION*

*POSTLUDE*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: January 16, 2022**

**Youth Group:** Will meet next Sunday, **January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 @ 6:30pm** in the Youth Room at FGPC.

**Wednesday noontime lunch:** This Wednesday **January 19, 2022**. Bring your lunch and join us for some mid-week time together. All are welcome!!

**Thursday Night Bible Study and Fellowship:** **January 20, 7:00pm** all are invited to join on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875>. Our study will be focused on: **“The Difficult Sayings of Jesus”**

### **Important Reminder: 2021 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE**

All reports are due to the church office by **January 17**.

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation:** January 30<sup>th</sup> is our annual meeting of the congregation follow worship. The congregation will receive the annual reports, vote on the Ruling Elders and Deacons placed into nomination and the Pastor’s terms of call. It will also be a time to look back over the year and recall our faithful service together.

**Looking to Start a New Bell Choir:** Calling all bell ringers and would be ringers. We are planning to start a new Bell Choir. If you are interested, even if you have no experience, please contact Leanne Yerkes. Rehearsal times will be determined once we get the group formed. The plan is for the choir to play for the first time on Easter Sunday.

**Save the date:** GAME NIGHT – **February 5<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm**. In order to make this intergenerational event accessible for all, it will be held on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>. Yes, we can still play games virtually. There will be a few games including an in-your-home scavenger hunt as well as a trivia game. All ages will be able to participate. In addition to play-time, we will also share a meal. Those who wish can order a meal of either chicken soup and/or chili. Included will be bread and dessert. There is a suggested donation of \$5/person with a maximum per family of \$25. Pre-orders must be made by calling or stop by the church office. Tickets will also be available after worship on Sundays. Deadline for tickets is Monday, January 31.

**Calendar:**

- January 16** – 10:00am – Worship Service  
5:00pm – Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea de Dios Church Service
- January 17** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Offices Closed  
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
- January 19** - 10:30am – Deacon Meeting  
12:00pm - Bring your lunch and gather with us for a mid-week lunch and fun.  
All our welcome!!!  
7:00pm – Christian Education Mtg. on Zoom
- January 20** - 7:00pm – Bible Study on Zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>

### **In our thoughts and prayers:**

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright,  
Faith Hyndman, Jim Turner, Sally Thiessen

### **Church Staff**

Susan Fall, Pastor    Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music  
Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator    Jason Gordon, Youth Director  
Frank Orzechoski, Treasurer    Chris Miterko, Grounds Keeper

