



Sunday Worship
January 23, 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 have come to worship God, the living God,

Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!

**OPENING PRAYER*

O wondrous God, on this holy day, we have gathered together once again to celebrate your presence among us, to praise you, and to thank you for all you have given us. May this time of worship strengthen and refresh us, and fill us with such joy that we cannot help but share it with everyone around us. Though we are very different people, with many different talents and gifts, make us one in your Spirit, that we may be your ministers in the world. Amen.

**HYMN #403 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

1. Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer; O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

2. Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O enter thou; let it be thy temple now.

3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed; may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Change and challenge are always difficult, O God. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**HYMN #733* We All Are One in Mission

1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
3. Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:14-21

SERMON Today is the Day

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*

Gracious, eternal, mysterious God, we bring our gifts with hopeful and faithful spirits. Bless the offering of these gifts and our lives that new hope and new possibilities are made real in the lives of those whom we serve in following Jesus. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 #757* Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1. Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.
2. God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace. But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.
3. Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream, with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem. For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease, a world that was created for a harmony of peace.
4. May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: January 23, 2022

Youth Group: Will meet tonight @ 6:30pm in the Youth Room at FGPC. We will interact with games; enjoy some snacks, and a lesson revolving around the New Year. Your Friends are always welcome.

Wednesday noontime lunch: This Wednesday **January 26, 2022**. Bring your lunch and join us for some mid-week time together. All are welcome!!

Thursday Night Bible Study and Fellowship: January 27, 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”**

Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Sunday January 30th 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. Those who attend worship on Zoom will also be able to attend the annual meeting in the same way. In addition to the business of the church, we will celebrate who we are together in God’s service.

Save the date: GAME NIGHT – February 5th 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 23** – 10:00am – Worship Service.
6:30pm – Youth Group gathering FGPC.
- January 24** - 7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
- January 25** - 7:00pm – Session on Zoom.
- January 26** 12:00pm – Wednesday Lunch
- January 27** - 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, Karen Davis

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music
Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator Jason Gordon, Youth Director
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