



Forest Grove Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship

January 22, 2023

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**

Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

“[your name], follow me.”

A simple call. A hard call.

Because following requires leaving.

And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.

It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

But we have come this far, to this place, where we can listen and be transformed.

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 #37 Let All Things Now Living**

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

2. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the oceans proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

God...you call us...and sometimes...we duck under the table...hoping you didn't notice us when you walked into the room. You call us...and sometimes...we grab a stapler and a stack of papers...trying to look too busy to be bothered at the moment. You call us...and sometimes we just say, "No!" We know that we aren't expected to do everything...but we often forget that you call us to be ourselves in the places where our very self is what is most needed. So give us the grace to say "Yes" to your call... even now...as we offer our silent confessions...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

...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 9:1-3

BAPTISM Nicholas Christopher Foster

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God: remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN** God Claims You

*Refrain**



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tects you, and loves you, too. 1. We this day do
 ***2. We your fam - ily
 3. We are here to
 4. And if you should

D.C.



all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.
 love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
 say this day that we will help you on your way.
 tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la - by.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON Follow, Just as You Are

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**

Great God of heaven and earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

***HYMN #721** Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.

2. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor. *Refrain*

3. You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving. *Refrain*

4. You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me: *Refrain*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS January 22, 2023

This week's carillon is in memory of George and June Kellett, faithful members of the church who were always inseparable.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOSTER FAMILY: Today we celebrate with Shannon and Matt Foster upon the baptism of their son, Nicholas who was born on October 14, 2022. He joins his big brothers Joey, Anthony, and Mikey as a named and claimed child of God.

CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS TODAY: We will gather at church at 9am each Sunday. This will be a time of growth in faith for those in 8th and 9th graders. Call Su for more information.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT: We will meet at 6:30pm at church. The Group will go out into the community to "Build a Hoagie."

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Join us Thursday evening to explore scripture on Zoom from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. The group will resume its study of the Ten Commandments. You don't have to be a biblical scholar to participate, just a heart that longs for a closer walk with the Lord.

ANNUAL MEETING: Next Sunday, January 29, is the annual meeting of the congregation when we will elect new elders and deacons, receive the 2023 budget and vote on the pastor's terms of call as well as answer questions regarding the work of the church. After the formal meeting there will be a potluck lunch when we will have a "Year in Review." Sign-up either at church or call the church office at 215-794-8575 to let us know what you will be bringing. Beverages and Dessert will be provided.

SAVE THE DATES:

February 1 at 12:00pm our Monthly community luncheon. Bring your lunch and join us for another one of our speaker series.

February 3 at 6:00 PM we will gather at the church for another night of Fellowship, Fun, and Mission. The theme for the month is “Love.”

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: **This week we are asking for cleaning products.** Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

Calendar:	January 22	9:00am	Confirmation Class
		10:00am	Worship Service with Baptism, Sunday school, and Fellowship
		6:30pm	Youth Group
	January 23	5:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
	January 24	7:00pm	Session Meeting
	January 25	12:00pm	Bring you brown bag lunch and fellowship
	January 26	7:00pm	Bible Study on Zoom

Elder of the Month: Michael Myers Deacon of the Month: Marilyn Cook
Coffee volunteer: Emilie Cullerton Sunday school teacher: Kim King

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari,
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Steve Rash, Bill Yerkes, David Posnett, Mary Lou Humlhanz



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