

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

OUR MISSION: Christ calls us to be faithful disciples who strive to be joyful in our worship, tender in our life together, and daring in our outreach.

We acknowledge we worship on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nation.

Minister: The Rev. Amanda Currie

Music Director: Will Ireton

Musician Today: William Sgrazzutti

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Entry of the Written Word

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

How precious is God's steadfast love!

We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

Come and feast on God's abundance.

We will drink from the river of God's delights.

For with God is the fountain of life;

And in God's light we will see light.

Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

**We will bring God our prayers and our praise
with hearts full of love.**

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: Spirit, come dispel our sadness #380

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of all life and our lives,

we gather in worship week by week,

seeking your refreshing presence.

**But we confess sometimes we are discouraged
by things happening around us.**

We don't expect your presence

to make a difference for us.

Forgive us when we give up on you

and end up feeling unfulfilled.

By your grace, refresh us

when we are weary or worried,

and renew our trust in you. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ministry of Music

Graeme Mitchell

Recitative: "For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover The Earth"

"The People that Walked in Darkness"

Handel

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hymn: When the Spirit of the Lord #398

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Psalms 36:5-10

Sung Response:

**Your justice like mountains high soaring above
your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

R Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

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O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

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John 2:1-11

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: *For the Common Good*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People 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,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart MV#79

We Present our Gifts to God

Offertory Graeme Mitchell, flute
Cantabile from Concerto in D Major Antonio Vivaldi

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Dedication:

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

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: We have this ministry #590

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (#780): **Amen, amen, amen.**

Aaronic Blessing (#619):

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;**

**the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you his peace.**

Postlude

HYMNS for Sunday January 16th

#380 - Spirit, come, dispel our sadness

Spirit, come, dispel our sadness;
pierce the clouds of sinful night;
come, thou source of sweetest gladness,
breathe thy life and spread thy light.
Loving Spirit, God of peace,
great distributor of grace,
rest upon this congregation;
hear, oh hear our supplication.

From that height which knows no measure,
as a gracious shower descend,
bringing down the richest treasure
we can wish or God can send.
O thou glory, shining down
from the Father and the Son,
grant us thine illumination;
rest upon this congregation.

Come, O best of all donations
God can give, or we implore;
having thy sweet consolations
we need wish for nothing more.
Come, anoint us now with power;
on our souls thy graces shower;
author of the new creation,
make our hearts thy habitation.

#398 - When the spirit of the Lord moves in my soul

When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the shepherd, I sing. (x2)
I sing, I sing, like David the shepherd, I sing. (x2)

When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the sinner, I pray. (x2)
I pray, I pray, like David the sinner, I pray. (x2)

When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the victor, I dance. (x2)
I dance, I dance, like David the victor, I dance. (x2)

When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the poet, I praise. (x2)
I praise, I praise, like David the poet, I praise. (x2)

MV #79 - Spirit, open my heart

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. Refrain

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. Refrain

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. Refrain

#590 - We have this ministry

We have this ministry and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's work, speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world my healing light receive.
We have this ministry; O God receive our living.

O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place.
We have this ministry; O God, receive our giving.

The yoke of Christ is ours: the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross, the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve, wounded, bruised and bowed
with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again.
We have this ministry; O God, receive our loving.

Recitative - For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover The Earth (Handel)

*For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
And gross darkness the people;
But the Lord shall arise upon thee,
And His glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the gentiles shall come to thy light,
And kings to life of thy rising.*

Aria - The People That Walked In Darkness (Handel)

*The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light,
And they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,
upon them hath the light shined.*

Pray with your First Church Family

Please pray for...

- The manifestation of Spirit in each of our lives for the common good.
- Those who are discerning their own gifts or the gifts of others, that they may recognize them and have courage to use them for the good of the world.
- All those who are experiencing symptoms of illness, that they will endure them well and make wise decisions to avoid infecting others.
- Those who must gather with others for work or school, that they will stay safe and well.
- Jim Doolittle, Kathleen Upton, and Brenda Thomson, as they recover from recent surgery or illness.

Praise God for...

- The first miracle of Jesus that revealed God's glory and began a ministry of healing, hope, and love for all.
- The many gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, and many more.
- Health care workers – those caring for sick or injured people and those administering vaccines to protect us all.

This Week at First Church

Jan. 16	10:30 am	Worship (YouTube)
	12:15 pm	Sunday School (Zoom)
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom)
Jan. 17	7:00 pm	Mission & Outreach Cmt. (Zoom)
Jan. 18	12:00 pm	Freedom 55ers (Zoom)
Jan. 19	12:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Board of Managers (Zoom)
Jan. 22	6:00 pm	Robbie Burns Supper (Zoom) (Camp Christopher Fundraiser)
Jan. 23	10:30 am	Worship (YouTube)
	12:15 pm	Sunday School (Zoom)
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom)

The Spirit Prays Within Us: A Learning Opportunity for Elders and Others who Pray

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has recently published a prayer workbook that is designed to help ruling elders explore the practice of prayer in their role as congregational leaders. It is an excellent resource, written by the Rev. Dr. Nancy Cocks, which is relevant not only for elders, but for all Christians who pray with and for one another.

Prayer is a multi-layered practice in Christian life, a powerful dynamic in Christian worship and, for many, the heartbeat of our personal relationship with God.

You are invited to join Rev. Amanda in a February journey through the workbook, including learning and exercises to help us expand the ways we lead in prayer in pastoral encounters. We will meet by Zoom video conference on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm from Feb. 1st to Mar. 1st, 2022.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022: The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism invites us to join Christians from across Saskatchewan in an **Eight Day Online Bible Study Series** from Tuesday January 18th - Tuesday January 25th. Each study is led by a different Christian pastor or leader, and the discussions are rich and inspiring!

12:15-1:00pm daily except Sunday January 23rd at 3pm
Register here

- https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEKdeGhrzgtEtd2wehNGffCCV1v3D_2PfZ6

Camp Christopher: Robbie Burns Fundraiser Supper Join us on Saturday January 22nd, 2022, for a Robbie Burns Night Fundraiser in support of Camp Christopher. Meals will be available for pick up in Saskatoon and Regina. A virtual program will take place on Zoom at 6:00pm. Deadline to order meals is January 18th.

Meal + Zoom Entertainment - \$30 each
Zoom Entertainment Only - \$20

Pick up at First Presbyterian Church - Regina - Saturday January 22nd 4:00 - 4:30pm

Payment can be submitted by E-TRANSFER to campchrisevent@gmail.com (Please indicate the number of registrations in the "message" of the transfer)
OR Cheque, made payable to Camp Christopher sent to Sheila Coulter, 210-930 Heritage View, Saskatoon, SK S7H 5S6

World Religion Day 2022 Regina Multi-Faith invites you to this virtual celebration on Sunday, January 16th at 2 pm. This year we will explore the variety of worship spaces there are in our midst with the theme: *Our House on the Prairies: Origin Stories of Regina's Faith Communities*. Faith groups participating will share a brief story of their worship space, their location, when and how they became a community here in the area in and around Regina. There will be a short accompanying slide show.

To view the poster or to pass this information on, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/reginamultifaith>

This is the link you will need to access the Zoom program: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9681317913?pwd=K2E1cnd3bmxV R3JhdURhb2V1TWZ6UT09>

Meeting ID: 968 131 7913

Passcode: WRD2022

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