

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Engagement
Serve
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discipleship
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Saint Giles
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Relationship
embrace nurturing
Everyone
Purposeful

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Pachelbel/Walther

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SILENCE

GATHERING SONG

Spirit of the Living God

*Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.
Many: **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**
One: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.
Many: **He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**
One: Come now, all who thirst, and drink the water of life.
Many: **Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with good things.**
One: Come now, all who seek,
All: **and be warmed by the fire of love.**

HYMN# 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

verses 1, 3, 5

*O worship the King,
all glorious above!
O gratefully sing
God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.*

*The earth with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power
has founded of old;
established it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast,
like a mantle, the sea.*

***Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust,
nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.***

PSALM

PSALM 111

Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we come to God with open hearts and honest words, we will not be pushed away, but wrapped in God's loving and forgiving embrace. Let us join together now as we confess our lives to God, praying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit, God our Light, that we do indeed try to tear Christ apart - a piece of him here to support our politics, a part of him to undergird our economic views, the rest of him to bolster our fears of others. We could leave immediately to follow him, but need to wait until we see where he might lead us. We want you to look upon us with favor always, but have no trouble turning our backs on those around us.

Hear us, God our Deliverer, as we speak of our failures! Have mercy on us, we appeal to you, have mercy! May your love become the core of our hearts, may your compassion become the words we speak, may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others, even as we seek to follow the One who calls us to new life, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God is our help, so why should we be afraid? God keeps us safe, there is nothing to dread! This is good news for all of us.

All: **Sheltered in God's gracious heart of mercy and love, we raise shouts of joy: thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

A Whole Heart

Rev. Lance Perry

SONG

Nothing to Fear

Audrey Assad

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For all whose nights are broken by pain, discomfort, anxiety, caring duties, noisy neighbors and so many other reasons, leaving them irritable, tired and unable to concentrate, refresh their minds, grant patience in times of stress, keep them safe when driving, and in the nights to come may they find peace and rest, O God of compassion and grace. For those weighed down by ill health, bring wholeness to body, mind and spirit. For those weighed down by worry, bring wisdom, peace and reassurance. For those weighed down by fear, bring freedom, release and liberation. For those weighed down by sadness, bring comfort, strength and joy. For all whose hearts are troubled at the start of this new day, be the voice that they hear, the warmth that they feel, the wisdom they seek, the strength they require, and the one in whose arms they rest. We continue now in prayer as we have been taught by

Jesus, comforter, healer and Prince of Peace, praying together...

**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 # 463 *How Firm a Foundation*
verses 1, 4, 5

***How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?***

***"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.***

***"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."***

CHARGE

We go now hearing Jesus' call to courage. The courage to love. The courage to speak up for the voiceless. The courage to speak up for the lost and the lonely. The courage to follow Jesus wherever he might lead us.

BENEDICTION

May the love of God surround you, the wisdom of Christ guide you, and the power of the Holy Spirit encourage you as we joyfully proclaim: Our world belongs to God!

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Mona Dowell, Patty Pace, and Eddie Adams for providing the music and technical support for our worship video.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends.

Please note these newer prayer concerns:

Peggy McNeill

Isla Brown, who fractured her arm while playing in her backyard

Jack Boyd, who broke his fibula during a skateboarding accident

Iris Morris, in ICU at REX

We continue to pray for:

Pat Lindsay

Charolette Brown

Dan Grassi

Inez Ruchte

Donna Nichols

Rachel Williams

Libby Morton

Aleta Wheeler

Jeane Nagel

Andrew Scharfe

Sandra Richbourg

Dick Grassi

Barbara Settlemyre

Joe Moody

Dave Smith

We continue to pray for these family and friends of Saint Giles members:

Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet

Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna

Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy

Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill

Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Ev

Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene

Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, sister Eloise Rohner,
& niece Eloise Lindsay

Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces Colleen, & Sourour Dehnadi, brother Ken, & friend
Paul Hutter & family

Dave & Rita Hart's friend Terry, and neighbors Sarah and Wayne

Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman

Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey

Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family

Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family

Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia

Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters

Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner

Scott Vollmer's mother, Lois

Nathan Whittle's aunt Pauline and her son

Carol Pope's sister, Kathy; brother, David; sister-in-law, Kacy

Joel, nephew to Jean and Dave Smith, recovering from back surgery

*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.