

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 10 am

*"This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory.
And his disciples believed in him." (John 2:11)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #466: *O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING*

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Karin Beard (Elder) and Kathie Larson (Deacon)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

Let us exalt God's name together!

Psalm 100; Psalm 95:6-7.

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10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name;
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *[Refrain]*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *[Refrain]*

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name;
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.*

*Worship Your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.*

"10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)" by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman.
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.
We so often stray from your ways like lost sheep,
following the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We too seldom love you with a pure heart;

We find it hard to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We too quickly forget your call to be passionate for justice,
to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Based on Isaiah 53:6, Micah 6:8, and Psalm 51:10-12.

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

CHOIR

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Glimmers of Glory"*

John 2:1–23

The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration.³ The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

⁵ But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled,⁸ he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.

⁹ When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over.¹⁰ "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

¹¹ This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

¹² After the wedding he went to Capernaum for a few days with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples.

¹³ It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem.¹⁴ In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money.¹⁵ Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables.¹⁶ Then, going over to

the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

¹⁷ Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me."

¹⁸ But the Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it."

¹⁹ "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰ "What!" they exclaimed. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can rebuild it in three days?" ²¹ But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said.

²³ Because of the miraculous signs Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many began to trust in him. ²⁴ But Jesus didn't trust them, because he knew all about people. ²⁵ No one needed to tell him about human nature, for he knew what was in each person's heart.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.

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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 Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN #341: BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long;
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 Angels, descending, bring from above
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *[Refrain]*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Congregational Meeting (after the service)
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
Sunday, Feb. 2	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Caring Hearts (after the service, in the parlor)

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