

LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR SPECIAL PRAYER

You are invited to come forward for personal prayer and to continue to pray silently with confidence, trusting only in the merit of Christ to save us now in this present time.

*HYMN #792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. Refrain*

*Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack the knowledge, He'll not refuse to lend. Refrain*

*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.

*BENEDICTION

OUR INVITATION

Every service of worship invites us to consider our relationship to Jesus Christ and to his church. If you are not vitally involved in some community of faith, perhaps this congregation is the place where you can worship, find fellowship, grow, and share in our mission and witness to the world. If you would like to discuss this important matter, please indicate your interest on the registration of attendance pad or speak to the minister following the service.

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Epiphany Service for the New Year

7:00 p.m.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Large print hymnals or music sheets are available from an usher. Let us worship God!*

INTRODUCTION

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

SILENT MEDITATION

*HYMN #794

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

*O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may kneel,
I also come to ask for grace, believing You can heal.*

*If pain of body, stress of mind, destroys my inward peace,
in prayer for others may I find the secret of release.*

*If self upon its sickness feeds and turns my life to gall,
Let me not brood upon my needs, but simply tell You all.*

*You never said, "You ask too much," to any troubled soul.
I long to feel Your healing touch; will You not make me whole?*

*But if the thing I most desire is not Your way for me,
may faith, when tested in the fire, prove its integrity.*

*Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown,
Lord, help me in my unbelief, and claim me as Your own.*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:12-16

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us seek the loving presence of Christ promised to us.

We thank You Lord for Your loving Presence here with us. We thank You for the power given to us through the Holy Spirit to intercede for Your suffering people: for health of soul and body given in answer to our prayers; for the gift of healing given to Your Church and manifest in Your members.

*HYMN #288

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.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on us.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30

PRAYER FOR DELIVERY

Let us be delivered from hopelessness by God's act of healing.

Lord, deliver us by Your holy incarnation, by Your stripes and wounds and by Your resurrection from the dead. Deliver us by human sympathy, by the touch of Your hand, by Your power over all evil, and by the voice that raised Jesus from the dead. O Lord, delivery us by the quickening power of the Holy Spirit, by the sacraments, by the prayer of faith, by the sanctifying of all human knowledge and science with earthly remedies.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:10-17

CALL TO CONFESSION

HYMN #698 (sing 3x)

Take, O Take Me As I Am

*Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us ask God's forgiveness for our own failure and failure of our fellowship in the past.

O Lord, forgive us if we have broken Your laws of health, if we have broken your commands or have been intemperate in anything. Forgive us if we have despised or neglected our bodies, missed our minds, or allowed our spirits to become prey to worry, distrust or despair. Forgive us if we have rejected the remedies of nature or if we have neglected the healing powers of the mind, or have forgotten you, the Great Physician. Forgive us, Lord, for all that is in us and our fellowship makes obstacles to your inflowing power. (Continue in silent personal confession)

HYMN #575 (sing 3x)

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:1-12

HYMN #227 (sing 3x)

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

SCRIPTURE

John 5:2-9

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let us now boldly make our prayers of intercession for healing.

We beseech You, Almighty God, to restore to Your Church the apostolic gift of healing bodies as well as souls. We pray that You would build a fair and just social order where sin is banished and health is restored and compassion prevails. Bless all physicians, nurses, attendants and all who seek to exercise mental and spiritual healing. Grant unto them knowledge and faith, skill and sympathy, tenderness and patience. At this time, hear our special intercessions for our sick friends and those who have desired our prayers.