

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**February 12, 2023
10:00am**

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”
“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”
“Steal Away to Jesus”
“Glorify Your Name”
“God Is Calling through the Whisper”
“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”
“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
“Surely the Presence of the Lord “

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

CHIMES

(The pouring of water invites us to remember and to celebrate our baptism into the body of Christ.)

PRELUDE

“Praise Ye the Father” (Gounod)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your immediate neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:1-2

Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord,
who seek God with their whole hearts.
Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Prichard)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

God of blessing, you call us to be one with you and your creation in love, faithfulness, and truth. Help us as we carry out the vows we make: to adore you with our whole heart, to live in mutual support of one another, and to love as if your reign has fully come. **Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be to the Father” (Greatorex)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ our sins are forgiven. Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, as we hear your Word this day. Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God and to the glory of your realm. **Amen.**

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lucy Tucker

READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 119:1-8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

QUARTET *“Back to the Church in the Wildwood”* (Arr. McDonald)
(Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop, Wendy Lunsford, and Zoa Stuntz)

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospels if you are able)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS** Matthew 5:21-37

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

***HYMN #444** *“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”* (Mealy)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus said, if you remember that a brother or sister has something against you, first be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift. In peace, let us bring our offerings to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”* (Warriner)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. Amen.

*OUR 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 and ever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #693 *"The Gift of Love"* (English Folk Melody)
(February Hymn of the Month)

*MOMENT OF SILENCE TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *"Great Is the Lord"*

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.
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