

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**JANUARY 24, 2021
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

“Abide with Me”
“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”
“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”
“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”
“The Solid Rock”
“Will You Come and Follow Me”
“Where He Leads Me”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (Benjamin)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 65, Selected Verses

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:

**that power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.**

***OPENING HYMN #612**

“We Praise You, O God” (Gedenck-Clanck)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and steadfast God, as you called your disciples, so you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we, like Jonah, run away. Forgive us when we make excuses. Forgive us when we cannot find the time. Forgive us when other things take priority. Forgive us for taking the easy road. Forgive us when our self-centeredness drives our actions rather than our abiding love for you and others. Holy One, we are so in need of your healing and help. Make us totally yours, we pray, so that we may be completely devoted disciples of your Beloved Son, who calls us, each one. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jonah 3:1-10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 1:14-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Called to What?”

***HYMN #726**

“Will You Come and Follow Me” (vss. 1-3)

(Scottish Melody)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Confession of 1967*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to others commits the church to work for every form of human wellbeing.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humanity so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on human inhumanity and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?” Matthew 6:25-27

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Abide With Me” (Lewis)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

God of our lives, how amazing it is that you call us into your service to share your mission in the world. How amazing it is that we are privileged to serve in building up your kingdom on earth. Your Son calls us. You equip us. Your Spirit guides and empowers us. We are humbled.

Our response can only be thankfulness, faithfulness, and dedication. We acknowledge Christ's call to serve even when serving is hard. We dedicate and consecrate our lives to loving you with all we are, and loving others in the name of the One who calls us. Amen

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #726** *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* (vss. 4-5)
(Scottish Melody)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *"Victory in Jesus"*

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

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.