

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Prelude *I Leave All Things to God's Direction (BWV647)*

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew.

Introit #749 *Come! Live in the Light!*

David Haas

†Call to Worship

Mia Dickman

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: As we behold the beauty of God's temple, we see God's face.

All: God is our shelter and our shade. We will sing to the God of our salvation!

†Hymn #662 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

(Please pass Prayer Concerns Cards to an usher)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See (verse 1)*

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them - they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame;
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

New Testament Reading Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Sermon "Light Changes Everything"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Samantha Lynn Cayton

Presentation

†**Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (p.35)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

†Hymn #489 *Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed*

Wonder of wonders, here revealed: God's covenant with us is sealed,
and long before we know or pray, God's love enfolds us every day.

Here in this sacrament we see God's grace unbound, for all, for me!
May we respond with joyful praise in loving service all our days.

This child of God, though young or old, we welcome now into Christ's fold,
to know with us God's loving care, and all our joys and sorrows share.

Now we our vow of faith renew, stretch wide our sights to global view,
and claim with Christians far and near a larger family held dear.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory *Reflections on Even So, Lord Jesus*

arr. Paul Manz

†Doxology #606

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #463 *How Firm a Foundation*

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?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"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 and Benediction

†Response #837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (verse 1)*

Anthony J. Showalter

Postlude *Fuga in E Minor (BuxWV142)*

Dietrich Buxtehude

*The Postlude is given as an offering to God. Please remain seated.
If you wish to express appreciation, please do so by saying "Amen."*

†Please stand in body or spirit

Flowers today are given to **the glory of God** by Danny Slaven in honor of Melba's 75th birthday today and by Kathleen Hoffman in honor of Tom's birthday, which was on January 20th.

Worship in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream is always an option at fpcpasadena.org.

Time of Fellowship each Sunday 10:00-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Drop in after Sunday school and/or before worship to say Hello! and get a cup of coffee!

FPC Sunday School at 9 am—Children, youth, and adult classes:

- **Stepping Out in Faith Sunday School** led by Pat Abrams meets in the Bride's Room and by Zoom. Contact Bonnie Keith for the Zoom link.
- **Current Christianity**—meets in Room #8. Their current book of study is **Fierce Love** by Dr. Jacqui Lewis.
- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** led by Mark Corder meets at 8:45 in the Library.
- **3 years to 5th grade** meets in Room #7.
- **6th-12th grade** led by James Jackson and Brian Davis meets in Room #10.

Remember to wear your NAME BADGE as we greet new members and visitors each Sunday!

Today is Per Capita Sunday: "Per Capita" is an amount "charged" to each congregation for each of their members. It supports the work of the national church, specifically the administrative duties of the denomination through the Office of the General Assembly in Louisville, KY. The Per Capita amount for 2023 is \$9.85. Church members are invited to add \$10 per family member to their offering this week to pay their per capita.

Chain Stitchers is the new name for the Quilt class which will be meeting every Thursday. The day group is at 12:00 pm, and the evening group is at 6:00 pm. You may contact Donna Gilchrest at 281-830-3176 with any questions.

Shoe Drive for the David A. Ortiz Foundation: There is a collection box in the Narthex each Sunday through February 8th for gently worn shoes, the kind you would give a friend or family member if they needed them. The Foundation will be paid by the pound for the shoes you donate (children's shoes, adult shoes, dress shoes and high heels, cleats, ballet shoes, boots, even flip-flops and crocs!). They will in turn become a home business for a family in a third world country.

Young at Heart Field Trip on Friday, February 24 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The day includes a guided tour of the historic Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, a Cajun lunch at The Cloister, and exploration of The Post (a five-acre roof top green space at the former downtown central post office). Make your reservation by paying \$3.00 to Ruth Askine or Iliana Vela before February 22nd. Space is limited to 27 people.

These Days Daily Devotionals for January/February/March 2023 are in the narthex. Please return your used devotionals to the collection area in the narthex for delivery to the Pasadena City Jail.

Crosses on the Corner: Everyone is invited to participate. Crosses ready to be displayed are due in the cut-ups room by February 15th.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Don Christopher; Dolores Thacker; Beth Council; Carol Tompkins; Jean Johnston; Frank Kucera's son, Christopher; Kathleen Klepser; Bruce Walters' grandson, Doug; Kathleen Hoffman; Dolores Thacker's son, James Thacker; Brett Coe; Emma Abrams; Becky Brignac; Jim Tinney; Pat Pesl; Jackie Welch; Joan Gibertini's daughter, Deborah Gaskins; Mike & Susan Wallace; Dr. Fair's parent's, Fufa & Sam; Kay Hutson; Brad Stratton; Mary & Rex Knapik; Imelda Carrillo; Health care workers and all those struggling with COVID-19; Baywood Crossing residents and staff; People of Ukraine.

The Memorial Service for Debbie Pennington will be on Sunday, January 29, at First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena at 2:00 pm with Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair officiating.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, Jan 22	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Time of Fellowship! FH	10-10:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
Tuesday, Jan 24	Prayer Shawl—Zoom	1:30 pm
	Yoga-Chair—FH	5:00 pm
	Yoga-Floor—FH	6:15 pm
Wednesday, Jan 25	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Brown Bag & Bible—FH	12:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Jan 26	Men's Breakfast at Frank's	7:30 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	1:00 pm
	Yoga-Chair—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
	Yoga-Floor—FH	6:15 pm
Saturday, Jan 28	Men's Breakfast—FH	8:00 am
Sunday, Jan 29	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Time of Fellowship! FH	10-10:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
	Memorial Service—Debbie Pennington	2:00 pm

Mission Statement

"Our mission is to live and share the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace."

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