

First Presbyterian Church
December 6th, 2020

Greeting

One: The Lord be with you
MANY: And also with you.

Prelude

Michael Rorex

Lighting the Advent Candle

Phil & Mary Lou Brown

Opening Prayer

Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mary Lou Brown

*Call to Worship

Mary Lou Brown

ONE: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates: behold the King of glory waits;

MANY: The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

ALL: Together, as brothers and sisters in our Redeemer Christ, let us worship God.

Call to Confession

Mary Lou Brown

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We begin our prayer with a time of silent confession

Let us pray together. **Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Assurance of Pardon

ONE: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be a peace

MANY: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Michael Rorex

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Mary Lou Brown

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

O.T. pg.682

Second Reading

Psalm 85:1-2;8-13

O.T. pg. 552

¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.

⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.[Ⓜ]

⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

¹² The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

Third Reading

Mark 1:1-8

N.T.32

¹ The beginning of the good news[Ⓜ] of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.[Ⓜ]

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,[Ⓜ]

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,[Ⓜ]
who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴ John the baptizer appeared[Ⓜ] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their

sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with[Ⓜ] water; but he will baptize you with[Ⓜ] the Holy Spirit.”

Sermon

God’s Word through Music

Michael Rorex

*Affirmation of Faith: **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 the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Link Hall

Dedication of the Offering

Mary Lou Brown

*Charge and Benediction

Mary Lou Brown

ONE: Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.

MANY: Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal. Let us go in peace to serve the Lord.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE Dec. 6th – Dec.13th

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship
Monday		
Tuesday	4:00 PM	Delta Kappa Gamma
Wednesday	11:30AM	Lunch On Us
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	11:00A.M.	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated Sunday, December 13

Congregational meeting December 13 following worship to elect elders and trustee

Joy Gift Offering taken on December 20 (but you may send in at any time)

Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m.

Next Week’s Helper

Prayers of the People – Chris Evans

FINANCIAL REPORT

January thru November 2020:

Income - \$96,802.70

Expenses - \$81,000.38

PRAYER LIST

Barbara Akin, Joanna Allison, May Below, Terri Boswell, Tommy Boswell, Dana Bradley, Mary Brister, Pam Caldwell, Kathleen Cathey, Jerry Chastain, Darlene & David Cloud, James Cohl, Tanya Conlay, Rev. Tommy Curry, Susan Dollar, Beverly Durham, Kay Freeland, Peggy Gilbert, Cinda Green, Diane Gunter, The Rev. Hale Family, Elizabeth & Link Hall, John Harling, Carolyn Harrington, Marianne Harvey, the family of Alvaro Hernandez Jr., Robbie & Horace Herrington, Barbara Hopper, Richard Jennings, Pam Jones, Camille Killough, Delphine Lloyd, Brenda Maechling, Betty Marshall, Jennifer McDowell, Cheryl & Don Meredith, Debra Mishkel, Kathy Muder, Mary Ann Nicholas, Sydney & Mark Peterson, Rev. Brian Ray, Melba Rorex, Sallye Starks, Frederick Toussaint, Kristin Rose Whitten and family, Bennett Williams, Davis Wilson, Elaine Zachariason, Russell Zachariason

In the Military: Trevor Bates, Gene Bentley, Ann Brown, Jon and Katie Cooper, Aaron Foster, John Hatley, Vincent Maggio, Eric Maxwell, Casey Oden

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