



First Presbyterian
Church of DuPage

SUNDAY WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 7, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEXT PHASE OF THE INTERIM JOURNEY

“Tell Me A Story” – Danika Manchester, Monica Reilly, Patt Pilgrim, Judith Manchester

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, we are God’s children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.

People: What we do know is this:
When he is revealed, we will be like him,

ALL: for we will see him as he is.

OPENING HYMN - *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* (#11 in the Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1&2)

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise His name – I’m fixed upon it –
Name of God’s redeeming love.

Hither-to Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast bro’t me to this place,
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
B’ot me with His precious blood.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN - *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* (#11 in the Celebration Hymnal, vs. 3)

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light
And to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; thought Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:21-25

HYMN - *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"* (#602 in the Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1&2)

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:29-39

SERMON - "Extra! Extra! Read All About It!" - Pastor David Boumgarden

OFFERING/SPECIAL MUSIC

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

HYMN – *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"* (#602 in the Celebration Hymnal, vs. 3&4)

Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG – *"God be with You"* (#232)

POSTLUDE

WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping with us. We are delighted you are here. If you would like more information regarding our church, please contact the church office at 630.759.8843 or firstpresdupage@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook and our website is www.firstpresdupage.org.

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

We will have in-person worship this Sunday, February 7th. In keeping with current COVID guidelines we will be limited to 25 people total (counting all staff who lead worship plus members who attend). Masks, temperature checks, social distancing, and all COVID protocols will be followed.

We will also continue to have virtual worship via our Facebook page at 10:00 a.m. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchOfDuPage/>

To print this week's worship service bulletin, this link will take you to a page on the church's website: <https://www.firstpresdupage.org/sermons-2/>

JOIN OUR INTERIM JOURNEY

We are on an interim journey at First DuPage on the way to re-discovering what God has already done in our midst as we listen to one another's stories about what our church does well as recounted by these stories. Building for our future starts with these good foundations in the past and present. We also want to hear God's call through Bible study and listen for the needs of our community leaders so we can hear again what God wants us to be and to do. The clearer we know this, the clearer we can be in finding a pastoral leader to partner with us to equip us to make a difference. As we travel into that vision, we believe that God is travelling with us stirring new life in our midst.

We hope to engage many of you in this journey by inviting your participation in the following activities.

- "Telling Your Story"
- "A Lenten Bible Study on Christian Community from the Sermon on the Mount" (mid-February through late March)
- "Holy Week" (last week of March)
- "Listening to the Needs of Our Community" (late April or early May)
- "A Wrap-up Event Envisioning Our Future" (late April or early May)

The first engagement is already beginning, called "**Tell Me a Story.**"

- What does First Presbyterian Church of DuPage mean to you?
- Who is our church?
- What is the heart of our church like?

From your personal experience with the church, can you think of a moment, event, or characteristic of the church that answers these questions?

We are asking ALL members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of DuPage to share their answers to these very important questions. *There are no wrong answers!*

Stories can be short - just a few minutes - and will be shared with our church family.

Tell us *your* story

- 1) In person! Come to the church at 11:00 a.m. (after worship service) on Sunday, January 31st or Sunday, February 7th for a few minutes to be taped by our video team (masks, temperature checks, social distancing, and all other COVID preventative steps are required).
- 2) Over Zoom - during the Fellowship Hour following service.
- 3) In email - either create a video of you telling your story or type out your story and send it to firstpresdupage@gmail.com
- 3) Over the phone - call our church office and speak to Pastor David at 630-759-8843 on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

We'd love to hear and share all stories by February 14th.

Watch our Facebook LIVE church service Sunday January 31st for the first 4 stories!

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY ABOUT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

We'd also invite you into a weekly Bible Study About Christian Community based on The Sermon on the Mount.

Wednesday Night Bible Study?

Mid-day Bible Study?

Sunday Morning Bible Study?

Other time?

Show your interest by emailing firstpresdupage@gmail.com

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We will have Virtual Fellowship Hour following this Sunday's worship service. Join us on Zoom at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81261950522?pwd=Wkw5UFJDbnhtM2JxVi9rd2tXTTFPZz09>

Meeting ID: 812 6195 0522

Passcode: 396197

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CALENDAR ITEMS

Sunday, February 7th after worship – Board of Deacons

Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study (via Zoom)

Monday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2021 is \$38.50 per member. This fee is assessed by Blackhawk Presbytery for training, assembly meetings and presbytery work to support local churches. The church must pay per capita even if members do not contribute. Please consider making a donation to cover all members in your family. You may make your checks payable to the church with the note "per capita."

2020 GIVING STATEMENTS

All 2020 giving statements were mailed by January 22nd. Please contact the church if you have any questions regarding your statement.

PRAYER REQUESTS & CARD MINISTRY

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office. If you know someone troubled with an illness, a loss, or who could just use an uplifting word please email the church at firstpresdupage@gmail.com and provide the person's name, address, and concern so we can reach out and encourage them in their time of need.