



First Presbyterian
Church of DuPage

**SUNDAY WORSHIP – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 14, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TELLING THE STORY – Ruth Ford

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts of God with praise.

People: **Give thanks and bless God's holy name!**

Leader: For the Lord is good.

People: **God's love is eternal,**

All: and God's faithfulness has no end.

OPENING HYMN - "*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*" (#33 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious – Thy great name we praise,

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN – "*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*" (#33 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 3 & 4)

To all, life Thou givest – to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest – the true life of all.
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free,
Eternal Thy goodness for naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render – O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends: Hear the Good News of the gospel

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

PASSING THE PEACE without making physical contact

You: May the peace of Christ be with you

Your partner: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Search us, O God, and know our hearts;
try us and know our thoughts!
See if there is any wicked way in us,
and lead us in the way everlasting.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN – “*Be Thou My Vision*” (#562 in The Celebration Hymnal – vs. 1 & 2)

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:34-40 and 28:16-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON – “The Church’s Mission: A Three-Fold Witness” – Pastor David Boumgarden

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
People: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: Lord in Your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer**

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.

CLOSING SONG – “*Ye Servants of God*” (#38 in The Celebration Hymnal)

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give Him his right
All glory and pow’r, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!

Remember to set your clock AHEAD one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 13th.

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping 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. In keeping with current COVID guidelines we will be limited to 40-45 people not counting all staff who lead worship. 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/>

A WORD FROM PASTOR DAVID ABOUT OUR INTERIM JOURNEY

It's been several weeks now and we have been telling stories about our faith and how that faith has been nurtured by this church. It's been inspiring to see God at work. As missionary leader D.T. Niles once said, it's like one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread. We sense life in vital churches and it feeds our souls.

We have also introduced the element of Bible study in this journey as the Scriptures are our grounding. Right now, three different groups are studying "A People of Salt and Light," along with a number more who picked up the Bible study guide last week (more copies are still available) where we are already hearing that it is God's intention to not go solo, but rather to bear witness collectively out of communities of people like our church. Together we already are a people of salt and a people who shine the light.

Two weeks ago we took the next step to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. They are currently looking over a first draft of the church's resumé called the Ministry Information Form (the "MIF").

Following today's service, we will have a brief special congregational meeting to elect one more member to the nominating committee.

The committee is already hard at work. With these activities in process, keep the church and our leaders in your prayers, that God will refresh us in this time of renewal.



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 and what God is calling the congregation to do in the future so the church can call a well-equipped pastor to lead her into that future.

Finish building our service team – the Pastor Nominating Committee

There will be a special congregational meeting immediately following the close of worship today (March 14th) to elect Michelle Crebo to the search committee, joining

Sampson Akotuah, Bob Buegel, Danika Manchester, Patti Pilgrim and Monica Reilly whom we elected two weeks ago.

Help the team look for certain leadership competencies

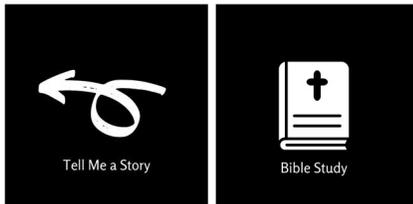
The Pastor Nominating Committee would like to hear about the top 10 leadership competencies you think are important for your next pastor. There is a section of the congregation's resumé that gives all a voice in this prioritizing these skills. You can pick up a copy of the form entitled Leadership Competencies:

- At the check-in table in the foyer
- At the special congregational meeting following worship
- At the entrance to the sanctuary after the close of both worship and the congregational meeting

The form includes a worksheet through which members/friends of the church are invited to determine the 10 most needed competencies, of the 33 listed on the competency list.

Please complete the form and drop yours off at the front door or at the visitors information table, or mail yours back to the church in the self-addressed envelope that has been provided.

To be counted, please return your form to the church no later than Sunday, March 21st.



We are doing a short Bible Study on Christian Community based on the Sermon on the Mount. You can participate by joining the Sunday Morning Bible Study at 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., or by self-study using the study guide, “A People of Salt and Light – Jesus’ Model for Community.” Download, view and print a copy of the study guide at <https://www.firstpresdupage.org/adult-education/> or pick up a paper copy from the check-in table in the foyer.

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

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CALENDAR ITEMS

Sunday Morning Bible Study – 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 18 – Pastor Nominating Committee – 7:00 p.m. at the church

Holy Week Services:

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday – 10:00 a.m.

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.

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