



First Presbyterian
Church of DuPage

**SUNDAY WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 7, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit
People: God's love is poured into our hearts.
Leader: The law of the Lord revives the soul;
People: the word of God makes the simple wise.
Leader: Let all who thirst come to the waters;
TOGETHER: let all who are hungry come and eat.

OPENING HYMN - *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* (#215 in Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries;
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised! The pow'rs of darkness fear,
When this sweet song they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN - *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* (#215 in Celebration Hymnal, vs. 3 & 4)

Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
Rink joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th' eternal song
Thro' all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

PSALM 51:10-17

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

People: **Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

People: **Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak
and right in your judgment.**

Leader: Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

People: **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth shall declare your praise.

People: **For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.
You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

**TOGETHER: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.**

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

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 55:1-3 & 6-7

(Response to Scripture reading)

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 16:13-19

(Response to Scripture reading)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON – “What Kind of Church Do We Want to Be When We Grow Up?”
Pastor David Boumgarden

OFFERING/SPECIAL MUSIC – “*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*”

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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 over month 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.

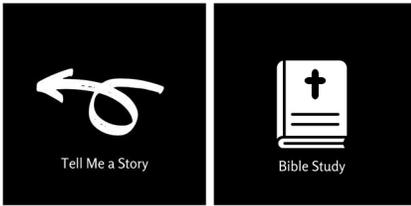
Last week we also took the next step to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. They are currently looking over a first draft of the church's resumé called the Ministry Information Form (the "MIF"). A last member or two will be added to this this team in a week or two. This is exciting times for First DuPage!



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 it into that future.

Last Sunday, Sampson Akotuah, Bob Buegel, Danika Manchester, Patt Pilgrim and Monica Reilly were elected to form the core of the Pastor Nominating Committee. And next Sunday (March 14th), immediately following the close of Worship there will be a second brief meeting to add another person or persons to the Pastor Nominating Committee.



We are doing a short Bible Study on Christian Community based on the Sermon on the Mount.

You can participate in one of three small groups or follow along on your own with the study guide, "A People of Salt and Light – Jesus' Model for Community." The guide is being distributed to the congregation as follows:

1. By email (check your inbox) – last week, an email was sent to everyone, with a link to our website where you can download, view and print the guide
2. Open your browser and go directly to our website where you can download, view and print the guide at <https://www.firstpresdupage.org/adult-education/>
3. Paper copies are available at worship service

Join in with one of the following:

Wednesday Night Bible Study – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom (started the week of 2/21)

Mid-day Bible Study – Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (started 2/17)

Sunday Morning Bible Study – 8:30-9:30 a.m. (started 2/21)

Enroll by emailing firstpresdupage@gmail.com or signing up at the Welcome Center.

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

March 8th – 7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

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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."

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.