First United Presbyterian Church

January 12, 2025

**GATHERING**

**CHIMES** Set your heart for worship, if you must whisper, let it be in prayer.

**PRELUDE** “Prelude in G” -Bach

**OPENING WORDS**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And, also with you!**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is with us always.

**All: God is with us always and calls us each by name.**

One: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

**All: God is with us and calls us by name.**

One: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

**All: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us. Blessed be God who**

**knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #514 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
  
Christ is able to make us one, at his table, he set the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
  
Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we confess that we have often seen the baptism of Jesus through the vision of a renaissance painting. We see clean water and clean cut men dressed in white, and we fail to see that Jesus stepped into muddy water with a common man to demonstrate his bond with us. Forgive us when we fail to see the reality of your devotion to us and help us to see the fullness of your love and commitment to us.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE TO PARDON** #570 Gloria Patri

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**All: And, also with you!**

One: Please pass the peace to those around you.

**\*GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE** #322 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Make Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

**PROCLAMATION**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE READING**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL READING**

**SERMON**  “Footprints” Rev. Greg Menssen

**RESPONDING**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** #513 Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees.

[Refrain]

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “My Heart at thy Sweet Voice” -Saint-Saens

**\*DOXOLOGY** #592

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** #505 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine, thy body and thy blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

One: The Lord be with you!

**All: And, also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

One: It is right to give our thanks to the Lord, Our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

One: Holy God, Father almighty . . . Saying

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth**

**are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who**

**comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest**.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty . . . Great is the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . . As Christ our Savior

taught us, we are bold to pray:

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #535 Go With Us LordGo with us, Lord and guide the way through this and every coming day,

That in your spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to you.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** “Trumpet Tune” -Purcell