

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: ...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

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

All: **And also with you.**

* PEACE RESPONSE: Sara Schaffzin

Peace is our hope, peace is our joy. Peace is what we strive to share. Lead us on the path of peace, so that your light is seen by all.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Children who want to go to Sunday School (K-7) can follow the teachers to their room. Sunday School children will be brought back to the worship service for **communion**, and then will join their families. Younger children may be dropped off at the nursery (ages 0-4), and be signed out be following the service.*

* HYMN #385: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Old Hundredth

THE PROPHETS: Jeremiah 1: 4-10 p. 436-437 OT

THE GOSPEL: Luke 4: 21-30 p. 61 NT

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE: "Fear."

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."
- Proverbs 9:10*

* GLORIA PATRI:

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

Spi-rit: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ever. A men, A-men. A-men!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS: Hebrews 13:16

One: "Do not neglect to do good and share what you have;

All: **for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."**

OFFERTORY: "Ave verum corpus" W. A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine; vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine; esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine	Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, Whose side was pierced, Whence flowed water and blood: Be for us a forestate (of heaven) during our final examining
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* DOXOLOGY: to the tune of "All Creatures"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Christ, all creatures here below! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from The Confession of 1967 (9.44, 9.55)

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God's reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between peoples and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

* HYMN #525: "Let Us Break Bread Together" Spiritual

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION.

We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to receive communion, holding out an open palm to receive bread and leaving your cup in the cup racks at the back of each pew. If you wish to have communion brought to you, please indicate this by raising a hand to the servers walking in the aisles. All are welcome to receive communion at Christ's table.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 #541: "God, Be with You Till We Meet Again" Randolph

BENEDICTION.

* CONGREGATIONAL AMEN.

POSTLUDE.

*Join us after the service for coffee, cookies
and fellowship time in the Narthex!*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **Today in Adult Education:** In Luke 6:37, Jesus implies that judging and condemning are associated with failure to forgive. But don't we have to make judgments sometimes, and don't we have to condemn the things we should? In what ways do judging and condemning affect our ability to forgive, and why does this matter? Elmer Ewing will lead the discussion.
- **Today at 2pm** on the Commons there is a rally to protest the fear being spread in our community, and to promote peace, unity and safety for

all. A forum after the rally will be held here at the church in Dodds Hall, starting at 3pm, to foster a continued discussion of these matters. Sadly, we recommend only those attend who have the safety of citizenship and/or permanent residency.

- **Next Sunday, February 9, 5pm by Zoom: Our Annual Congregational Meeting!** Join us for a Zoom meeting at 5pm on February 9, as we review the work of the congregation for the past year in all its many facets, vote on terms of call for Rev. K. Weaver, and thank our outgoing church officers.

Packets will be available in church on February 2, and online via the church website starting February 4. They will also be emailed out along with the Zoom link (see 2. below).

The Zoom link for the meeting:

1. Can be accessed via the church website;
 2. Will be emailed out in the week prior to the meeting, and;
 3. Will be sent directly to anyone who emails the church office - church.fpci@gmail.com - with a request before Feb. 6.
- **Join our Church Directory!** Friends old and new, we would love to include you in our church's directory. To join, fill out the enclosed insert and we will share it with the congregation. Our directory is available in print and on phone—see the back of the insert for more information.

*“Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world: for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you
gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me;
I was naked and you gave me clothing; I was sick and you took
care of me; I was in prison and you visited me.”*

- Matthew 25: 35

Our communion servers today are:

Sebastian Fallon, Brad McFall, Linda McLean, and Sylvia Reeves.

Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Linda McLean.

Our ushers today are:

Sandra Greene, Becca Hilts, Jeanette Miller, and Stella Martz.

We hold in our prayers:

David Brown; Jennifer Carlson; Donna Dauria; Mischa Dixon;
Harris Faulkner; Jeff Lovell; Vivian and Jim Russell;

WHO WE ARE

A statement from the Session (2019).

We, the people of the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, in a divided world filled with divergent Christian theologies, believe in a unity found in God that transcends every human label and judgment.

Confronted with the immensity of Jesus' love, we aspire to:

- * fight bigotry in our world and in ourselves;
- * celebrate our differences and recognize the strengths that only diversity can bring;
- * know that we can't separate ourselves from one another without separating ourselves from God;
- * serve as advocates for those who are not capable of advocating for themselves;
- * cherish the earth as God's gift to all humanity equally;
- * accept the responsibility of assisting those in need;
- * and dedicate ourselves to worship, prayer, and celebration in our church and beyond.

We do these things because we are all equally made in God's image. God's grace is freely given – therefore we are compelled to share this grace with all.

*This statement, written by members of our church
at the request of Session, was approved by the Session
of the church on March 25, 2019.*

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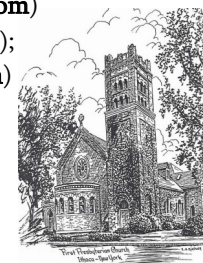
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FEB. 2, 2025: THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

*This service is being livestreamed. You can view services on our website.
Please share your name in the Friendship Pads at the end of each pew.*

PRELUDE.

WELCOME.

Rev. Kirianne E. Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 111* Elder Bruce Lane

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

All: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

One: Great are the works of the Lord,

All: studied by all who delight in them.

One: Full of honor and majesty is God's work,

All: and God's righteousness endures forever.

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful.

All: God provides food for those who fear the Lord;

One: God is ever mindful of God's covenant.

All: God has shown the people what divine power is,

One: giving them the history and heritage of the nations.

All: The works of God's hands are faithful and just.

One: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

All: all who practice it will be filled with understanding.

* HYMN #331: "God of the Ages" *National Hymn*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Rev. Cynthia A. Weaver

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...

... Time for silent confession.