

## Welcome to Our Celebration of Worship

*To all who live joyfully and long to share their excitement ... to all who mourn and need comfort ... to all who are weary and need rest ... to all who are homeless and desire sheltering love ... to all who pray or are in need of prayer ... to all who sin and need a Savior ... to all who recognize Christ in their midst and hunger to share God's love with all the world ... Old First Presbyterian Church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says ... WELCOME!*

*\* Those who are able, please stand in body or spirit.  
The congregation is invited to join in speaking or singing **items in bold.***

### WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

Prelude *Improvisation* K. Friese

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Opening Prayer

Introit *My God Is There* J. Martin  
Kids & Youth Choirs

Call to Worship — *from Psalm 27*

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I ask of the Lord: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**People: For in times of trouble, God will keep us safe; setting us high upon the rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Hear my voice when I call to you, O Lord, be merciful to me and answer me when I call.

**People: Confident in God's eternal goodness, we are strong and take heart as we wait upon God.**

Leader: Seeking the faithful guidance and eternal grace of our God, let us lift our hearts and voices as we worship God together!

\*Hymn 721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that in moments of temptation, we have strayed from you and turned aside from your ways. We are misled by our pride, for we see ourselves great when we are small and pure when we are filled with sin. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our God. We make half-hearted commitments to the call you have placed upon our hearts and lives; saying that we hunger and thirst for the things of faith, but depriving ourselves of far too many opportunities to be fed and nourished by the practices of our faith.**

**Loving God, open our eyes to the opportunities you provide for us to live our lives in rhythm with your Holy Spirit. Release in us an unbridled passion for filling our hearts with deep and abiding faith. Teach us to rely on the hope of your love, promise of your Word, and mercy of your everlasting grace. May we grow as individual followers of Jesus Christ and together, as the Body of Christ at work in our world, as we learn to live our faith with one another. Hear us as we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord ...**

*(Please continue in silent prayer of confession and intercession.)*

Together, let all of God's people say ... **amen.**

Hymn 551 (Kyrie Eleison) *Lord, Have Mercy*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God acts with justice and mercy.

In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

**All: God forgives us, frees us, and gives us peace.  
To God we are ever thankful. Amen.**

\*Response of Praise (Hymn 581) *Glory Be to the Father*

\*Passing of the Peace

The Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.*

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Anthem *Children of Light* D. Purdy & T. Taylor  
Youth Choir

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 New Testament, p. 166 / P. 201

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Time with Our Young Disciples

*Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children are invited to come to the front pews.*

Congregational Invitation (*Sung Twice*)

**This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
This is where children belong.**

*Church school is available for children preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.*

Second Lesson Matthew 4:12-23 New Testament, p. 3 / P. 4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon ***"Who Am I and What Am I Doing?"***

\*Hymn 724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

### WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

The Sacrament of Baptism *Brynn Abigail Smith*

Meaning and Institution

Vows

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

Prayer for Blessing

The Baptism

Welcome and Presentation of Gifts

*As we welcome Brynn following her baptism, please be prepared to join in singing the first and last verses of Hymn 488, "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry."*

\* Affirmation of Faith — *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering of Our Time and Talent

Invitation to Receive our Tithes & Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* J. Purifoy  
Sanctuary Choir

\*Congregational Response (Hymn 606) *Doxology*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

*The congregation is invited to share our prayer requests with one another.*

*If you would like to share a prayer request, please raise your hand and the Pastor will invite you to share your need for prayer.*

Prayers of the People and 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 170 *You Walk along Our Shoreline*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *Sung to the tune of "Edelweiss"*

***Come, O Lord, be with us. Fill us with joy and thanksgiving.***

***May our hearts, flow with peace. Come with your love and surround us.***

***Friendship and love, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.***

***Bless us now. Bless our friends. Bless all people forever.***

\*Postlude *Menuet Gothique (Suite Gothique)* L. Boellmann

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THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew Means, Pastor

Elder Katie Dopico, Lector

Ken Friese, Director of Music

Diane Starost, Director of Youth Music

Dan Degnan, Usher Captain

Key elements of today's service of worship include ...

#### **Prelude**

The pre-service music is an opportunity for us to be called out of the world and into the presence of God, preparing our hearts, minds, and spirits to worship God together.

#### **Welcome / Opening Prayer / Call to Worship**

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we are called to worship in Spirit and Truth. We pray for an awareness of God's presence in our worship and share a responsive "Call to Worship," based upon the lectionary Psalm of the day.

#### **Confessional Liturgy**

Recognizing that all have fallen short of the glory of God by failing to love and serve God perfectly, we are invited to join together in confessing our corporate and individual sin. After sharing the "Prayer of Confession," we sing our desire for God's mercy ("Kyrie Eleison"). We listen for the "Assurance of Our Forgiveness" in Jesus Christ and then proclaim our gratitude both in song ("Gloria Patri") and through the sharing of God's peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ ("Passing of the Peace.")

#### **Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings**

Given the importance of hearing and heeding God's Word, we pray for God to open our hearts, minds, and spirits to receive and live the Word of God read and proclaimed. We believe that Scripture (the Bible) is the Spirit-inspired Word of God for the people of God. Usually, two Scripture passages are read, each one relating to the Pastor's message as well as the overall spirit, theme, and direction of the service of worship.

#### **Time with Our Young Disciples**

Children and their faith growth are very important to our church family. Jesus called God's children to his presence to love and teach them and it is our great joy to do the same! Our children have special time in worship to hear the message in ways that help them consider God's Word for their faith and lives. Those who are between preschool and sixth grade are then given the opportunity to exit worship for a time of church school.

#### **Sermon**

The pastor then enters the pulpit to deliver the sermon, which is intended to offer some comment or instruction on the Bible readings in the service and some challenge to the congregation to live the Christian life, understand the Christian faith, or affirm the Christian commitment. The sermon usually lasts between 15 and 20 minutes.

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

Following the proclamation of God's Word, we are given the opportunity to respond to God's action in our lives as we affirm the faith we share by reciting the Apostles' Creed.

#### **Offering**

The ministry of Old First is supported by members and friends of the congregation responding to God by giving our financial gifts. The offering is the moment in the service when, out of gratitude to God, members of the community of faith **freely choose** to give financial gifts to Christ's ministry in and through Old First as an expression of our faith.

#### **Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer**

One of the great joys of being called to live together as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ is our opportunity to pray for and with one another. We share our prayer requests as a family of faith, gather in a pastor-led prayer, and conclude our prayers by praying the Lord's Prayer **together**, showing our desire to live our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

#### **Charge and Benediction**

We are sent out into the world with a charge and benediction from the pastor, inviting the spirit of today's worship to go with us as we seek ways to share our faith with others!

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

Please continue to be in prayer for:

**Charles and Susan Worledge - ongoing health concerns**

**Continue to pray for those who remain on our prayer list:**

Holly Baptista, Richard Bedell, Kevin Behrens, Tom and JoAnn Bosch, Bob Esser, Janet Gray (Mother of Dorothy Mandrakos), Dave and Else Haddock, David and Sandy Lange, Joan and Pat Lobasso, Peg Weigers, and Carole Witkowski

Names on our prayer list will remain for one month.

If you would like to add a prayer request, please contact Pastor Means.

#### OLD FIRST CHURCH SESSION:

##### Class of 2020

Meghan Alexander  
Kerry Degnan  
Susan Oehrig  
Gillian Plastaras  
Melissa Terc

##### Class of 2021

Curt Abbott  
Tom Bosch  
Gloria Burgess  
Philip Heinz  
Mark Rapko

##### Class of 2022

John Collins  
Amy Girimonti  
Laure McKenna  
Mary Porter  
Leslie Schult

Thomas Bosch, *Clerk of Session*  
Rev. Matthew Means, *Moderator*

#### OLD FIRST CHURCH DEACONS:

##### Class of 2020

Leeanne M. Bedell  
Richard C. Bedell  
Dan Degnan  
Robert Ponzetti  
Kathy Porter  
Mary Porter

##### Class of 2021

Vera Dole  
Asenath Fuchs  
Carol Breckner  
Judy Gilbert  
Matthew Girimonti  
Virginia Greene

##### Class of 2022

Arden Benvenuti  
Bruce Benvenuti  
Cheryl Grossman  
Jennifer Heinz  
Kate Starr Newell  
Martha Tibbetts

#### OLD FIRST CHURCH TRUSTEES:

##### Class of 2020

Robert Ponzetti  
James Thatcher  
Charles Worledge

##### Class of 2021

Nathaniel Corwin  
Gerry Schult

##### Class of 2022

Curt Abbott  
Dan Degnan  
Virginia Greene

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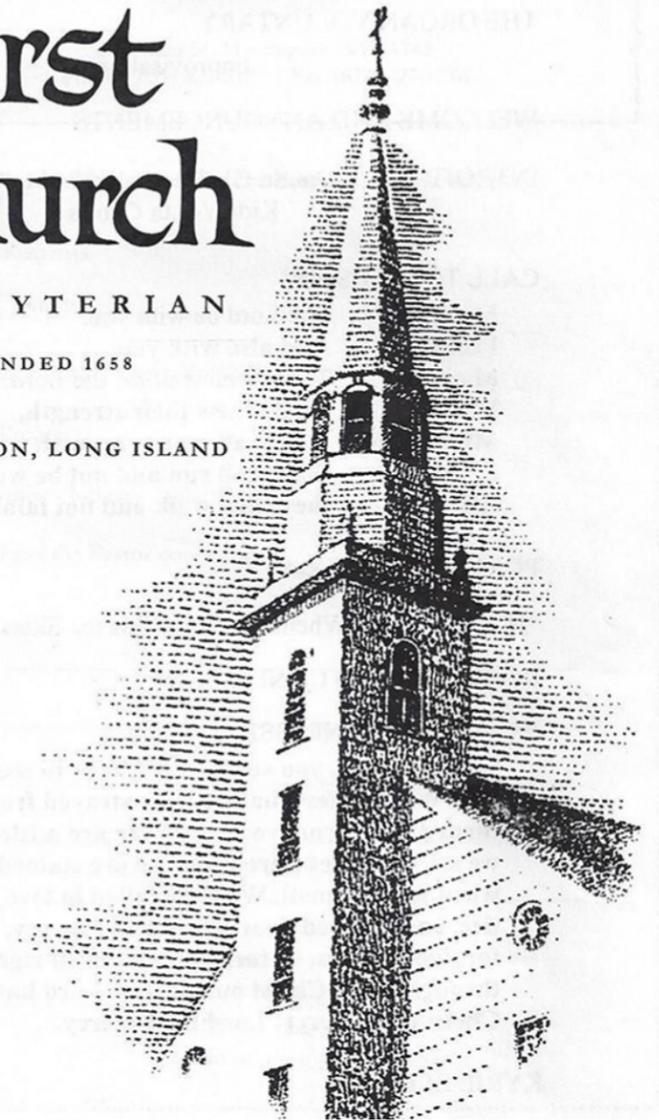
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# Old First Church

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**BAPTISM OF BRYNN ABIGAIL SMITH**

**JANUARY 26, 2020**

**10:00 AM**

## **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

**New Testament, p. 166 / P. 201**

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

<sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

<sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Matthew 4:12-23**

### **New Testament, p. 3 / P. 4**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — <sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net

into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

<sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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**Thanks be to God.**