

First Presbyterian Church

SALT LAKE CITY

Love God, Love One Another, Love Neighbor, Make Disciples.

March 7, 2021 11:00 am

Church for Tomorrow's World: People of Glory, Shame, and Hope

Pastor Steve Aeschbacher, Preaching

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

ORGAN PRELUDE O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee by Albin C. Whitworth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Steve Aeschbacher

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PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

O God, Quiet our hearts. Help us
by your power so that we may, with all the saints,
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that we may be filled with your fullness. Be with us as we worship you now. Amen.
—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

INVITING ONE ANOTHER INTO WORSHIP

Elder Jamie Mascarenas

Leader: Let us worship God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: **We are new creations;
the old has gone, the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

People: **Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

—based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs 1-3)

Hymnal #648

PRAYER OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our Redeemer,
in our weakness we have failed
to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

—based on Psalm 130:3-6, NIV

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠GLORIA

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymnal #813

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)

Leader: So God created mankind in his own image,

People: in the image of God he created them;

Leader: male and female he created them.

People: God blessed them and said to them,

Leader: “Be fruitful and increase in number;

People: fill the earth and subdue it.

Leader: Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky
and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 3:17-19

Leader: To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree
about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’

People: “Cursed is the ground because of you;

Leader: through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

People: It will produce thorns and thistles for you,

Leader: and you will eat the plants of the field.

People: By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground,

Leader: since from it you were taken;

People: for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠HYMN

“Be Still My Soul” (vs 1 and 3)

Hymnal #712

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-7

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

MESSAGE

Church for Tomorrow’s World: People of Glory, Shame, and Hope

PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH (excerpts from the Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus was crucified, and God Raised this Jesus from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
And makes everyone equally in God's image.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit
Everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
Even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus."
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory by the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
(prayer)
Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of our faith:
People: **Christ has Died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again**
(prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY (*Give and Stay Connected at www.fpcslc.org*)

OFFERTORY "Panis angelicus" by César Franck Victoria Sethunya, Soprano

✠DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal #815

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠HYMN "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (vs 1, 3 and 4) Hymnal #403

BENEDICTION

✠ORGAN POSTLUDE Rondeau Jean Joseph Mouret

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH

In-Person Worship Services

We are welcoming people at lower risk of COVID to worship! If you would like to attend in person, please RSVP at this link: www.fpcslc.org/rsvp

Online Worship – www.fpcslc.org/live

Family Game Night - Friday, March 19 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Families of all ages join us for a game night in the church Fellowship Area on. Wear your masks and come ready to play some socially distanced party games.

Palm Sunday - March 28: Children will have a special role to play in the 11:00 AM Palm Sunday service on March 28th. Come early to get your palm leaf and get set up for the processional. Stay for some outdoor activities during the church service.

Children at First Pres are welcome in either the 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM services. Please don't stress about keeping kids quiet. We are glad they are here! We are in the process of building a children's Sunday School program. Please contact Christin@fpcslc.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Coping through the Pandemic

Mental wellness in the midst of the pandemic—has it been a struggle emotionally for you during this time of uncertainty? You are not alone. This has been hard for all of us. Mental wellness is the part of our health that is often given the least attention, but it is so important. Your pastors will be offering a series videos on mental health during a crisis.

fpcslc.org/staying-well-in-a-pandemic/

Interested in getting more involved at First Pres? Join us for a “New Members Virtual Breakfast” on Saturday, March 20 from 10-noon. We will have a time of teaching about what it means to be a Presbyterian, ways to enter more fully into the life of the church, and (most important) what “membership” means for a Christian. People will also be able to meet and get to know our pastors, some of our elders (members of our governing body), and our staff, as well as ask questions. If you are interested just let the office or one of the pastors know and we will get you the Zoom information! office@fpcslc.org

Help with Worship!

We are looking for volunteers to read Scripture, lead prayers, and help with the tech team during worship. If you want to help lead worship you can do it from home or join us in the sanctuary. Just contact the office or go to <http://fpcslc.org/worship-volunteer/> to let us know.

Ushering – As we welcome people to worship we need ushers to welcome them! If you are willing to serve in this way, please let the office know (office@fpcslc.org).

FAITH

Praying with Scripture during Lent – [Lent Devotional Week 2](#)

Adult Sunday School - Study of Psalm 22. This psalm, which Jesus quoted from the cross, both contains a remarkable description of what Jesus was going through on the cross (written hundreds of years before it happened) AND an incredible synopsis of the good news that Jesus brought us through the cross. This will be a wonderful way for you to go deeper as you get ready for Easter this year.

We meet on Zoom at 10:10 am each Sunday. YOU are welcome to join us, just let the Office or Pastor Steve know you need a link to connect with us!

Children's Lent Guides are available at the church office. Check the website for office hours or contact Christin@fpcslc.org to set up a pick up time.

Praises to God

- For all the senior high students and their acceptances into various colleges, in state and out of state
- For our first in-person Communion Sunday in a year
- For beautiful spring weather days
- For our upcoming new members class

Specific Requests of God

- Don and Sandra Saxon's daughter Mike'l (for God's loving care for her health)
- Pam, friend of Bonnie Cavill (recovery from accident)
- Diane Keotter (recovery from back surgery)
- Devin Zaharias and family (Covid)
- Heather Knighton's father Jim battling Covid
- The Gualtieri family on the loss of Al's son Matt and Al & Marlene with Covid
- Dan Zaharias (recovering from knee replacement surgery)
- Ski Kosierowski (for multiple health issues)
- Mickey Hafey's sister Nell Wylie, (undergoing chemo)
- Carolyn, mother of Jamie Hill (breast cancer treatment)
- Mae Chin's daughter, Julie (brain surgery)
- Susan Bland (Cancer treatment)
- Kitty Helton (on hospice)
- Daniel Salinas' father (health issues)
- Ava Piercey (health concerns)
- That God would direct and provide the volunteers we need to continue doing in person worship

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns— Brett Davidson; Jack Chase; Mary Ellen Gibbs; Mark & Mickey Hafey; Robby Higgins; Ski Kosierowski; Dax Mascarenas; Amy Shafer; Mark Tegeder's mom, Barbara; Marge Trusty; Ina White

Those in Independent or Assisted Living— Diane Barnhart (Park Lane); Barbara Boswell (Chateau Brickyard), Janice Brickey (The Ridge), Bill & Libby McKay (Park Lane), Jan Springman (Solstice)

