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Order of Worship February 2, 2025

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Darin

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Darin

We are God's church: **We come together to worship.**

God has given us the Word: **We come together to learn.**

Christ has called us into his family: **We come together to share our lives.**

Christ has put his words on our lips: **We go out to tell the world about him.**

Christ has given us his Spirit: **We come together to celebrate.**

He has freed us from our past: **We come together to move forward.**

He has planned for us a glorious future: **We go out to live our lives to please him.**

We are God's church: **Thanks be to God.**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Darin

*HYMN

Let Us Build a House

No. 301 Vs 1,3,4

CALL TO CONFESSION

John Pike

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Darin

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean, heart and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

(Silence for individual reflection and confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

John Pike

In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

No. 591

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Pike

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 31:1-6

John Pike

¹On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ²They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.” Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord. ⁹Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

GOSPEL LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Pastor Darin

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Get to Church”

Pastor Darin

HYMN

The Church’s One Foundation

No. 321

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give
Prayer of Dedication



John Pike
John Pike

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Darin

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Darin

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God our Creator.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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, hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. On a lonely mountain his human body was transfigured by your divine splendor. In his face, we have glimpsed your glory. In his life, we see your love.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Illumine our lives, God, with the radiance of Christ's love, and inspire us to shine in faith and witness as his holy disciples. . . Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Darin

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEAL

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jullian Euteneuer

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Darin

*HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

No. 688

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

*Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today (Feb. 2)

Rev. Darin Seaman (Pastor), John Pike (Worship Leader), Gail Aalderks, Mike Rutter (Ushers), Kathy Arnold (Greeter), Leah Jacobs, Rickie Espelien (Nursery), Chancel Choir, Barbara Banaian, Jullian Euteneuer (Musicians), Jay Espelien, John Scott, Patty Scott (Audio), Ryne Pentz (Equal Exchange), Tom Horn, Jeanne Duininck, Brenda Espelien, Rodney Kadlec, Betty Vigen, David Buchin, Leanne Walsh-Becker, Karen Larson, Tomoko Rebeck (Communion Servers)

Rose on the Communion Table

The rose on the communion table this morning is in loving memory of Ron Johnson (1938-2015). The rose is given by his children.

First Friday: David Francey (Feb.7)

This Friday David Francey joins us. He will be performing at the church starting at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$30. David is known for his traditional roots music. He is a 2024 JUNO winner for his Album, *The Breath Between*. You can find more information and sample his music on his website: <https://www.davidfrancey.com>

Sunday, February 9th is Souper Bowl Sunday!

Our youth group will be collecting donations to help tackle hunger. Please consider bringing cash or a check to support this important cause. Thank you for your generosity!



Wednesday Community Meal (Feb.19)

Reminder: We have another soup meal later this month, on Wed., Feb. 19 starting at 5:00 pm. Watch for the signup next week.

Rescheduled: Sohail Aslam Visit (Feb.23)

Sohail Aslam will be visiting from Springfield First Pres and will be briefing on the Pakistan Christian Outreach Foundation.

Calendar

Mon., February 3

7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group
7:00 pm - Deacons Meeting

Tues., February 4

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm - LowerTown Rehearsal

Wed., February 5

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study
2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group
4:30 pm - Chancel Choir
6:00 pm - Ring! Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thur., February 6

3:00 pm - Closer Walk Men's Rehearsal

Fri., February 7

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm - First Friday — David Francey

Sun., February 9

9:00 am - Youth Sunday School
10:00 am - Worship