

In-Home Worship (again)

4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

Dear First P Church Family,

So, here we are again, stuck inside our homes, unable to go to worship. That being said, we are still able to worship in our homes, with our families, or even by ourselves. Like last week, I encourage you to take your time through the liturgy. Let it guide your thoughts, let it open your hearts. This week, you'll find a link to the sermon (being prerecorded in the sanctuary) both embedded in this order of worship and on your email. Please pause your reading of the liturgy and allow God to speak as you listen. After the sermon, please make your way through the remainder of the liturgy. Please know I miss seeing each of your smiling faces and pray you are safe and warm. May God's face shine brightly upon us all as we gather to worship this morning!

Pastor Andy

Centering Prayer

Almighty God, Light from Light, who commands the universe and all that is made, your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken, the force of good, and the food of peace. Teach us now as we gather in our homes away from our church family. Keep us safe and warm this cold winter morning. And always make our hearts open to offer help when needed. Bless us, O God, as we come before you this day. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Call to worship

Psalm 15

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue
and do no evil to their friends
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Morning Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for
the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;

Raise thou me Heav'nward, O Pow'r of my
pow'r.

4. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty
praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns
Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Call to confession

With what shall I come before the Lord? We come, knowing we've lived imperfectly, knowing we need forgiveness, and we ask what we could possibly offer for such a gift. But when we come in honesty and repentance, we find a God who is ready to love, ready to forgive, and ready to renew us as children of God. Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of confession (based on Micah 6:1-8)

Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day. Lord, hear our prayer ... (silent confession) ... Amen.

Assurance of pardon

The mercy of the Lord is deeper than the depths of the sea and wider than the whole of the earth. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed and made whole. Alleluia. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

God of wonder, awaken us! As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, open us to be surprised! Enliven us with the power of the Word and presence of your Spirit. Transform us for our walk with you. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon “Extravagance!”

<https://youtu.be/yP53GV507HM>

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to pray as you feel lead this morning, ending with 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.

Blessing

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Friends, have a fantastic week. I hope and pray we can be together next Sunday, February 8th. We have a full service planned with Confirmation and Communion, not to mention our Congregational Meeting immediately following worship.

Lots of great things coming---I hope you are planning on being a part of it.

Blessings,

Pastor Andy