

W CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday
after Epiphany
February 24, 2019

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Brad Clayton

Prelude

Adam Ravain

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Linda Shelley

Even when it seems we have suffered for a long time,
God breaks through in mercy and love for us.
Things may not be easy, but we can count on God to be with us.
God walks the pathways of both light and darkness with us.
God, come quickly into our lives. Erase our fears and doubts.
God, come quickly into our hearts and teach us to truly be Your people.

*Hymn No. 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Call to Confession

Linda Shelley

Prayer of Confession

Linda Shelley

Gracious God,
We gather here this day, seeking Your healing wisdom. Our lives are filled with anxiety and fear. We turn our backs on people in need and ignore opportunities to serve. Confusion and anger abound in our nation and in our hearts. Forgive us when we have chosen the pathways of greed and fear instead of the high way of peace and hope. Forgive our sins and calm our spirits. (*Silent confession*)

Merciful God,
Teach us again to turn to You in love. Inspire us to love our neighbor as we ourselves, just as You have loved us. It is in Jesus' name that we offer this prayer. Amen.

Kyrie

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

Linda Shelley

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

*The Passing of the Peace

Linda Shelley

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(During the Passing of the Peace, children are invited to come forward for the time with our young disciples.)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Shannon Guse

(After the children's time, K-2nd graders should return to their families for worship. Parents are welcome to take 3-5 year olds to the playground for Children's Enrichment.)

Sacrament of Baptism

Ansley Lynn Barry

Trinity Whitley

Choral Response:

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children, faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40 (*pew Bible p. 804*)

Brad Clayton

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

The Sword of the Spirit

Brad Clayton

Response to the Word

*Hymn No. 288

Spirit of the Living God

Reception of New Members

Karen Curtis, Lexi Davis, Skip and Sylvia Horack

Offering

Offertory

Let the Word of Christ
by Dr. David Henne

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Dedication (*responsive*)

Linda Shelley

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Trinity Whitley

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 at 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.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Trinity Whitley

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 No. 63

The Lord is God

Sending Out Into the World

*Charge & Benediction

Brad Clayton

*Congregational Response

Amen

Hymnal p. 601

Postlude

Adam Ravain

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,
and Leave Everything Else to God*

Wednesday Night Alive. Join us for dinner Wednesday evenings at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall, followed by programs for all ages. This week's menu: sloppy joes, tater tots, coleslaw, s'mores brownies.

Faith Formation. Wednesday, **February 27**, 6 p.m., in the Parlor. Rev. Dr. Henry Marion Steele will present *The Connection Between Faith and the Fight for Civil Rights in Tallahassee*. In celebration of Black History Month, Rev. Steele will share his personal experience of advocating for equality in Tallahassee and how that work has been influenced by his faith. Rev. Steele is the son of C.K. Steele, who is not only remembered in Tallahassee as a prominent pastor, but as a celebrated civil rights activist.

Fellowship Luncheon. All are invited for good food and fellowship after church next Sunday, **March 3**, right after worship. Please bring enough food to share with our guests according to the first letter of your last name: A-F main dish, G-M side dish, N-Z dessert. Please make sure your items do not contain nuts or nut products, as some people have severe food allergies. Food can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall before Sunday School or worship to be kept hot or cold.

Parents of Youth Potluck. Next Sunday, **March 3**, when you bring your youth to youth group at 6 p.m., head up to Room 210 for a potluck and time to fellowship with other parents of youth. Please bring a dish to share. If you need childcare for younger siblings, please contact shannon@faithpcusa.org as soon as possible.

Parents of College Students. On Monday, **March 4**, at 7 p.m., parents of college students are invited to Shannon Guse's home, 2020 Doomar Drive, to create care packages for our college students. We will write notes to one another's kids and pray for each student as we carefully package up goodies. Please bring 20-30 of one small item for the care packages.

Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service. Join us on Wednesday, **March 6** for a very special evening. We'll begin at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with a pancake breakfast. Then at 6 p.m. we will have a family-friendly Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary, including the celebration of Holy Communion. To learn more about Ash Wednesday and this service, tune in to the Faith Facebook page for a special Facebook Live on Wednesday, **February 27**, at 2:00 p.m.!

Lunch Bunch for senior adults is Thursday, **March 7**, 11:30 a.m., at Olive Garden. Please make your reservations with Rita Kelsay, ritabug@comcast.net, 850/322-7726.



Vacation Bible School Registration. Registration for this year's Vacation Bible School, *To Mars and Beyond*, opens to Faith members on Monday, **February 25**, to Faith Preschool Families on **February 27**, and to the general public on **March 1**. VBS is **June 17-21** and we still need lots of volunteers: 10 Preschool Teachers, 16 Crew Leaders, Bible, Music, Craft, Recreation and Science Teachers, Decorators, and Snack Makers. To help in any of these areas, please contact Jen McConnaughay, jen_mc@comcast.net, or Mary Steen, mary@faithpcusa.org. Youth volunteers (6th-12th grades) should contact Shannon Guse, shannon@faithpcusa.org.

Stewardship Update

Budget YTD: \$161,585

Received YTD: \$161,692

Spent YTD: \$152,688

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