



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

February 3, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who know God and, through love, serve the Lord and others. We will accomplish our mission by practicing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity.

PREPARATION

(Please use the prelude as a time for reflection and preparation for worship.)

**Please stand, if able. Responses are in boldface.*

PRELUDE

"Communion"

Richard Purvis
(1918-1994)

Jack Rain, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our strength and our salvation; let everything that breathes
praise our God!

This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love. Praise God for loving
care and answered prayer.

**We will give thanks this day, for God is good. The steadfast love of God
endures forever.**

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come.

We are witnesses to the God who acts. We are here to offer our worship and praise.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 32**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary-Linda Armacost, Elder

God of our ancestors, how easily we have made you a relic of the past. We act as if you were unreal, or at least irrelevant. By our inattention, we have rejected you and the one whom you sent to teach us. We are ruled by fears more than faith, by hostility more than peace, by a sense of failure more than feelings of accomplishment and victory. Forgive our misuse of the precious days you have entrusted to us. Help us to see the signs of your presence and to witness with joy to our Leader and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Mary-Linda Armacost

We are loved. We are forgiven, freed from our sins by the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. New life is ours. Let us recount the deeds of our God and respond to the Holy Spirit with joy and thanksgiving. The steadfast love of God endures forever. Fill the sanctuary with joyous praise.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN’S SERMON

(Children are invited to come forward to the pulpit area for the Children’s Sermon. Afterward, they may return to their parent or guardian or leave the sanctuary for Godly Play.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 150
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 717)

Mary-Linda Armacost

Second Lesson: Numbers 22: 20-35
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 176)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Mr. Ed’s Cousin”

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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...sing to the glory of Your name:

Hymn 552

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LAND OF REST

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND LORD’S PRAYER

(concluding with) **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.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Gladness Is Ours, Hallelujah!”

Roderick Evans

Chancel Choir

Gladness is ours, hallelujah! Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; glorious things he hath done for us. Hills, plains, rock, sand, grass, trees, fields; Gladness is ours, hallelujah! Praise the Lord with harp and tambourine sound; glorious things he hath done for us. Clouds, sky, moon, stars, rain, wind, sun; gladness is ours, hallelujah!

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Carillon Toccata”

Douglas E. Wagner
(b. 1952)

*The congregation is invited to come forward and stand by the organ console.
The minister is available at the door as you leave.*