



# First Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

February 10, 2019

11:00 a.m.

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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### 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

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" (hymn 839)

Robert Hebble  
(b. 1934)

Jack Rain, organist

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Put away your hesitation to come before God; quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

**God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?**

Look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance; look around you, for God's presence is everywhere.

**God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?**

Let us watch and wait with our Creator; let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

**Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on a level path.**

**INTROIT** “Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here”

Tallis Canon

Chancel Choir

Your love, O God, has called us here, for all love finds its source in you; the perfect love that casts out fear, the love that Christ makes ever new.

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 839**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

ASSURANCE

## **PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Ken Young

**God of all people, we confess that we would like to claim your majesty and power for our exclusive benefit. We relish the good things of life and are reluctant to share with those who seem less deserving. We resist the prophets who point out our greed, even when we feel we are being generous. We resent persons in positions of authority over us who seem not to have our best interests at heart. We are angry about ones whose evil deeds seem to go unpunished. O God, how can we receive your mercy when we are so reluctant to pass it on? Help us to center our lives in your love more than on our own desires. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Ken Young

God does not cast us off or forsake us but is with us in our suffering and adversity. Even when we live as enemies of the cross, the God of Jesus Christ does not give up on us. Surely there is shelter for us in the midst of our troubles and forgiveness when we have gone our own way. Lift up your eyes to behold God’s promises. Praise God with songs and shouts of joy.

**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.)*

**\*HYMN 69**

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 67

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 650)

Rev. Ken Young

Second Lesson: Genesis 15:1-18

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 14)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SERMON**

"Let's Make a Deal!"

Dr. Dawn Conti

# RESPONSE

## PASTORAL PRAYER 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

“With a Voice of Singing”  
Chancel Choir

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious!

## \*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 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Toccata Giocosa”

Gilbert M. Martin  
(b. 1941)

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