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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church Sunday, January 17, 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Announcements

Prelude

"Meditation on Beach Spring"

# For Prayer and Reflection:

Lord, let your presence be in us, around us breathing new life into us, so that we may do this work you have called us to. Now let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Statement of Purpose

# Ruling Elder Bonnie Sue Lewis

Teaching Elder Marsha Wilfong

# Call to Worship

We are not our own:

so, neither our will nor our wisdom should get in the way of God's hopes for us.

We are not on our own:

so, we should not choose what is easiest or the most gratifying way to live.

We are not our own, we are God's:

so, let us choose to live for God, and serve all of God's children. We are not on our own, as we walk the streets of God's kingdom:

so, as far as is possible, we will forget ourselves and follow Jesus Christ.

# **Opening** Prayer

*Hymn of Praise #1	"God is Here!" (vv. 1,4)	Abbott's Leigh
God is here! As we your pe	eople meet to offer praise and prayer,	
may we find in fuller meas	ure what it is in Christ we share.	
Here, as in the world arour	nd us, all our varied skills and arts	
wait the coming of the Spin	rit into open minds and hearts.	

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

# Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Teaching Elder Stephanie Ells

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Ruling Elder Marita Hale

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Silent Confession (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

### Declaration of Forgiveness from Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

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Prayer for Illumination		Teaching Elder Katrina Richardson
First Scripture Reading	Psalm 19	
Second Scripture Reading	John 4:27-42	
Sermon	"Come and See"	
* <i>Hymn of Response</i> #492 Spirit of the living God, fall aff Spirit of the living God, fall aff Melt me, mold me, fill me, use Spirit of the living God, fall aff	resh on me. me.	Iverson

Spirit of the living God, move among us all; Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: Humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

### Statement on Ministry

### Litany of Gifts

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body; and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God's Word,

receive it and share it in faith.

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

teach what is true.

Let preachers preach with truth and conviction, and givers give with love;

let officers work diligently for the people, proclaiming God's grace and peace to all.

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope,

patient in suffering, constant in prayer,

supporting one another, and welcoming all.

**Presentation of the Pastor** 

Ruling Elders Linda Longfield and Bonnie Sue Lewis

**Constitutional Questions to the Pastor** 

Constitutional Questions to Members of the Congregation

### **Prayer of Blessing**

Act of Installation

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servant, Pastor Stephanie, whom you called by baptism as your own. Grant her the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give her a spirit of truthfulness rightly to proclaim your Word in Christ from pulpit, table, and font, and in the words and actions of daily living. Give her the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the journey of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servant, Pastor Stephanie, and to all who serve as pastors among your people, gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.

Special Music	"Hear the Call of the Kingdom"	
Charge to the Pastor		

Charge to the Congregation

Teaching Elder Bradley Longfield

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Dr. Mark Ward

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

#### "The Apostles' Creed"

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 on 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 and 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.

### \*Sending Hymn #502

"Be Thou My Vision"

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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 or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## \*Benediction

\***Postlude** \*Those who are able, please stand "Celebration for Trumpet"

#### John Knox Presbytery (JKP) Administrative Commission:

Rev. Katrina Richardson, JKP Teaching Elder Rev. Dr. Bradley Longfield, JKP Teaching Elder Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong, JKP Teaching Elder Linda Longfield, JKP Ruling Elder, FPC Dubuque Dr. Bonnie Sue Lewis, JKP Moderator, Ruling Elder, Westminster PC Marita Hale, JKP Ruling Elder, FPC Lancaster

#### Leaders in worship:

Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Ells Preacher: Rev. Katrina Richardson Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel Musician: Linda Longfield Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

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