



Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 20, 2022 | 10:00 am

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Song of Peace and Song of Joy

Lorraine Brugh, organ

Jean Langlais

Lighting of the Candles

William Bryce

Words of Welcome

Wes Avram

*** Call to Worship**

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Sing Twice

Geron Davis, No. 406

**We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

*** Opening Hymn**

God is Here!

No. 409

1 God is here!
As we your people
meet to offer praise
and prayer,
may we find in fuller
measure what it is in
Christ we share.
Here, as in the world
around us,
all our varied skills
and arts wait the coming
of the Spirit into open
minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to
remind us
of our lifelong need
of grace; here are table,
font, and pulpit; here the
cross has central place.
Here in honesty of
preaching, here in silence,
as in speech,
here, in newness
and renewal,
God the Spirit
comes to each.

3 Here our children find
a welcome in the Shepherd's
flock and fold; here, as bread
and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the
Servant seek in worship
to explore what it means
in daily living to believe
and to adore.

4 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!

Prayer of Adoration

Grant Bryce

Call to Confession

Terilyn Lawson
John L. Bell, No. 414

Be Still and Know
1st, soloist • 2nd, Chancel Choir and Congregation

**Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.**

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Terilyn Lawson

Lord, open unto us light for our darkness, courage for our fear, hope for our despair, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness, wisdom for our confusion, forgiveness for our sin, love for our hates, thy Self for our self. Lord, Lord, open unto us! Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (Silence.)

* Congregational Response

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Jacques Berthier, No. 466

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!**

* Passing of the Peace

Terilyn Lawson

Children's Message

Terilyn Lawson

Congregational Response (unison)

No. 377

**I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Our Common Life

Ministry Moment

Wes Avram
Joan Fudala

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Offertory

Musical Offering

Todos los pueblos canten a Dios
Chancel Choir

Victor Pilgrim

Refrain

Todos los pueblos canten a Dios,
Todos los pueblos canten.

Refrain

Let all the peoples praise you O God
Let all the peoples praise you.

Señor, concede tu gracia
y que en nosotros tu luz siempre esté.
Todos conozcan tu voluntad
y toda nación tu salvación.

O God be gracious and bless us,
and let your face shed its light shine upon us.
So will your ways be known on earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

La tierra ha dado su fruto
y nos bendijo el Señor nuestro Dios.
El mundo entero le rinda honor,
conceda el Señor su bendición.

The earth has yielded its fruit,
for God, our God, has blessed us.
May God still give us a blessing,
till all of the earth revere the Lord.

Todos los pueblos se alegren en Ti,
porque con justicia reinas tú.
Gobiernas los pueblos con rectitud.
Del mundo tú riges a toda nación.

Let all the nations be glad and exult,
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples.
You guide all the nations upon earth.

* Doxology (unison, *Lasst uns erfreuen*, No. 609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Scripture

Mark 12:14-17, 28-34

Wes Avram

Sermon

Whither the Church pt 2: Can We? Shall We?

Wes Avram

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Michael Hegeman

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.

or

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 610, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

*1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!*

*2 The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life, and health, and peace.*

*3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.*

*5 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.*

The Charge

Wes Avram

Sending Music

Toccato from Suite No. 1
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Florence Beatrice Price

* Please rise, lift your head, lift your arms, or lift your spirit.

About the Music

Recognizing the African American History Month, the postlude today is by Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953). Born in Little Rock, AR, she was influenced by the culturally, socially, and politically sophisticated middle class African-American community in which she was raised. After studying at the New England Conservatory in Boston, MA, Florence Price established her career in Chicago as a well-respected Presbyterian church organist, concert pianist, studio teacher, and a nationally acclaimed composer. Most possibly she premiered the Suite No. 1 for Organ during one of her performances at the Grace Episcopal Church in Chicago in 1942.

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Judy & J.D. Helms, Shelly & Tom McCahan, and Mary Upchurch; **Head Usher** is Robert Armstrong.

Student Greeters are James & Declan Bryce.

About the Lord's Prayer: In response to our completed worship series, with emphasis on the Lord's Prayer, we are offering the more recent translation of the Lord's Prayer from the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*, 2018 edition, as an option to prayer. Worshippers may want to pray in versions or languages of their choosing. A variety of voices, words, and languages may join together in a shared voice of prayer.

About Howard Thurman: Throughout the month of February we will be using a prayer from Howard Thurman (1899-1981) as our Common Confession. Dr. Thurman was the first Dean of Rankin Chapel at Howard University, co-founded the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco and became the first African-American dean of a chapel at a majority white university as Dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University from 1953-1965. A mentor to such figures as Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders, Dr. Thurman was an influential theologian, philosopher and social activist.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- *For Jaylon & Wyatt, teenagers who lost their dads to COVID;*
- *For Bev, recovering from hip replacement surgery;*
- *For the Roth family, on the loss of Ashley;*
- *For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities during these challenging times;*
- *For our men and women in the military.*

Contact Lisa Boswell at prayer@pinnaclepres.org or call 480.585.9448 to add your request to the Pinnacle prayer list.

Scripture

Mark 12:14-17, 28-34

14 And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? 15 Should we pay them, or should we not?” But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.” 16 And they brought one. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” 17 Jesus said to them, “Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were utterly amazed at him.

The First Commandment

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” 32 Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; 33 and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself;’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)