The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 24, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.

PREPARATION: The following are the lectionary scriptures for this morning: Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40 (Pew Bible pages 443-444) Trust in the Lord and do good; you will live in the land and be secure. Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (Pew Bible page 37) Joseph tells his brothers, "God sent me before you to preserve life." 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 (Pew Bible page 936) How are the dead raised? There is a spiritual body, raised in glory. Luke 6:27-38 (Pew Bible page 838) Jesus says, "Love your enemies. Be merciful. Do not judge but forgive."

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING

BELL PEAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS GREETING

PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art"

"How Great Thou Art" arr. McChesney
"Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Mallory

Detroit

(Handbell Choir)

INTROIT (Hymn #347) "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

CHOIR: "Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us Lord, to pray

but You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

ALL: Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.

Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

OPENING SENTENCES

LEADER: Listen to the stories of God,

PEOPLE: passed down by the faithful from age to age.

LEADER: Listen to the Son of God,

PEOPLE: teaching us how to live, love and serve.

LEADER: Listen to the voice of God,

PEOPLE: Proclaiming the broken world "beloved."

LEADER: Listen and worship, People of God

PEOPLE: for God is here among us!

*HYMN #261 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" O quanta qualia

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us when we fail to live in the light of your good news: when we choose politeness instead of kindness, fear instead of love, and routine instead of revelation. Help us to hear your Spirit calling us to new life, and move us to feel your presence wrapping us in love. (silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579) "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."

CHILDREN'S LESSON

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (Pew Bible page 37)

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake"

GOSPEL READING Luke 6:27-38 (Pew Bible page 838)

Hilton

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON "Doing the Impossible" Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor

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*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.

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

*OFFERTORY "Prayer" Schumann *DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591) "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all people here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen."

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

*HYMN #386 "O for a World" Azmon

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Celebration #5 in C" Keller

(Handbell Choir)

For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going out into the world. Others prefer to remain seated and listen. Those departing during the Postlude can help those who listen by softening their joyful greeting of others.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 3, 2019 will be Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The lectionary scriptures will be: Psalm 99 (Pew Bible pages 480-481) The Lord is holy, a lover of justice; worship at God's mountain. Exodus 34:29-35 (Pew Bible pages 71-72) Moses return from Sinai with the law, and his face is shining. 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (Pew Bible page 939) With unveiled faces, we see the glory of the Lord reflected. Luke 9:28-36 (37-43) (Pew Bible page 843) On a mountaintop, Jesus is transfigured; God says: This is my Son.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome! It is good to be together as a community while we worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Following the service, there will be a time of light refreshments and further conversation and connection with one another in Hager Hall. The easiest way to access the hall from the sanctuary is through the doors closest to the pulpit and to the right.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER – You are invited to fill out the Friendship Register with as much information as you are comfortable in sharing. It can be found at the center end of each pew. As it is returned to the center aisle, please take time to look at the names of others with whom you are sitting. It can be a good feeling to call someone by their name, even though you are just meeting them, and it is a reminder that, this morning, we are all part of God's community together.

HAVE CHILDREN? – A professionally staffed nursery is available for children age 3 and younger in the Nursery Room, off of the Courtyard. Coloring pages for use in worship are also available. Ask an usher about both. After the beginning of worship, children through 5th grade will be invited to attend "Sonshine Mountain," a time of fun and faith just for them. They will be returned to meet their families in Hager Hall following worship.

NEW TO FIRST CHURCH? – Thank you for being here today! Your presence adds to this experience of worship. Please introduce yourself to the folks around you and to Pastor David. If you'd like, you are welcome to identify yourself with the "Visitor" stickers found in the Friendship Register. At the close of worship, please feel free to take a Blue Welcome Bag, which includes a small gift and further information about First Church. They can be found at the front.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? – For more information about First Presbyterian Church, its ministry and mission, and how we can grow and learn together, please:

- See the announcements in this bulletin
- Go to the church website (<u>www.fpcdunedin.org</u>)
- Read the monthly newsletter, *The Voice*, found at various information tables here and on the church website.
- Find us on Facebook
- Contact the church office (727-733-2318, frontoffice@fpcdunedin.org)

THOSE WITH VISION OR HEARING IMPAIRMENTS – Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing assisted devices are also available at the sound booth.

FIRST FRIENDS PRESCHOOL OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUNEDIN offers Christian based curriculum for ages 1-5 and the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program. Call 727-733-2111 for more information. Visit the website at www.firstfriendspreschool.net or like us on Facebook @ First Friends Preschool – Dunedin Florida.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Suzanne Wilde, Ken Friou, Judy MacDougall, John Ralph

LITURGIST: John Brockman

SOUND TECHNICIANS: Dave Thomas and Jeff Cockrell

HANDBELL CHOIR: Mike Schimmelman, John Brockman, Jennette Marsden,

Calvin Current, Rebecca Houghton, Les Marsden, Nanette Friend,

Debbie Brashear, Jodi Cannon, Joyce Marsden, Katherine Calhoon

SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Stephen L. Allen in honor of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café (HH)

9:00 a.m. – Children's Sunday School (N)

9:30 a.m. – Searcher Sunday School Class – Eric Houghton (HR)

9:30 a.m. – Foundation Sunday School Class (L)

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship (S)

10:50 a.m. – Children's Sunday School (B)

11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour (HH)

2:00 p.m. – United Faiths Walk of Peace (Dunedin)

3:00 p.m. – Dunedin Community Chorus Concert (Community Center)

5:00 p.m. – REV Kids (HH)

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (25 th)	8:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers (PL)
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	6:00 p.m.	Scouts (HH)
Tuesday (26 th)	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (MR)
	7:00 p.m.	AA (EHH)
Wednesday (27 th)	11:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class (HH)
	7:00 p.m.	CONCERT – Alma College Choir (S)
Thursday (28th)	11:00 a.m.	OA (EHH)
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Music (CR)
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (CR)
	8:00 p.m.	NA (EHH)
Friday (1st)	11:30 a.m.	Landfill Tour
	5:00 p.m.	REV Kids (HH)
	6:30 p.m.	AA (HH)
Saturday (2 nd)	7:00 p.m.	AA (EHH)

Legend: (B) Basement Game Room; (BC) Bell Choir EB; (C) Cinema EB); (CR) Choir Room; (EB) Ed Bldg 2nd Fl; (EHH) East Hager Hall; (FO) Front Office; (HH) Hager Hall; (HR) Highlander Room; (L) Library; (MR) Meeting Room; (N) Nursery; (PL) Parking Lot; (PS) Ed Bldg Gr Floor; (S) Sanctuary; (10) Scout Hut on Louden; (612) Green House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALMA COLLEGE CHOIR HOUSING NEED! Overnight housing is still needed for 6 of the 43 students (2 girls and 4 boys) from Alma College on Wednesday, February 27 following their concert at FPC. We plan to provide the students with a pot-luck dinner prior to their concert as well. Please visit the table in Hager Hall to sign-up on the food sheet to record your dish for the students. If you (or anyone you know) can help with these two events, please contact Stephen Allen at the church.

DUNEDIN COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT TODAY! 3:00 p.m. at the Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin – Come hear the chorus, under the direction of Stephen Allen, perform "Hidden Talents II" – a program featuring songs from Broadway and television plus members in solo venues! Concert is free and open to the public - \$5.00 donation suggested.

VIDEO CLUB The Video Club will attend the Alma College Choir Concert on Wednesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR is hosted today by some of our very special Snowbirds. Please join them at 11:30 a.m. in Hager Hall for light refreshments and fellowship.

SUPPER CLUB Today is the last opportunity to sign-up for the March 8th Supper Club gatherings. Please stop by the Supper Club table in Hager Hall following the service to sign-up. Hope to see you at dinner!

PRAYER REQUESTS - the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- Freddie Webb at Manor Care
- Carol O'Briant following surgery
- Clare Mock with a torn ligament in her bicep
- Diana Carsey's sister, Carol, in Texas
- Jack Hicks
- Julie Ross Albaugh following recent surgery
- Lynda DiGioia, sister of Nancy Klopp, following a stroke

For continued healing: Al Schlorholtz, Janice Stephens, Rev. Buddy and Frances Doyle, Margie Skinner, Marion Guthrie, Joyce Swan, Liz Bailey, Richard Garlick, Matthew Lanier, John Willmarth, Debby Womack

Church Attendance on Sunday, February 17, 2019 – 154 (Consecration Sunday – one service Is God in your will?