

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
January 21, 2018  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 62)

For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
**For my hope is from God.**  
God alone is my rock and my salvation.  
**On God rests my deliverance—my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.**

\* HYMN "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy" 298

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of compassion and mercy, hear us as we make our confession. Christ preaches repentance; we do not heed his call. Your new day is proclaimed; we dwell on the past. We do not turn from our evil ways, nor do we sacrifice the treasures we love. We say we obey you, but our deeds betray us. By your grace renew us, and cleanse us of all sin.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

\* HYMN "Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind" 345

SECOND READING Mark 1:14-20

SERMON "Good News For Despised People" Rev. Janell Blair

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of 1967

**We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\* HYMN "Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples" 434

POSTLUDE

**\*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to *stand***

**Welcome:** To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

**Announcements:** Today following worship we will have our annual Congregational Meeting to receive the 2018 budget as approved by the Session and to receive reports on last year's work. Following the brief meeting we will adjourn to share lunch downstairs!

Our All-Presbytery Retreat will take place February 9-11 at Chaparral Retreat Center in Iowa Park. This year the retreat is a Festival of Worship and EVERYONE is encouraged to attend! We will enjoy fun, fellowship and all sorts of worship services, from "traditional" to tailgate, from jazz vespers to Appalachian-style. If you are interested in attending, please see Janell for registration forms.

Virginia Hebermehl sent a letter, you can find it on bulletin board.

**Birthdays:** January 23 – Tye Anderson.

**Anniversaries:** No anniversaries this week.

**Flowers:** No Flowers were purchased this week.

**Refreshments:** Ethel Marsh, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

**Newsletter:** Deadline to submit articles and information for February newsletter is **January 22, 2018**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.

**Pastor: Rev. Janell Blair (361) 920-2492**

**Pianist: Marilyn Pearce**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor      Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing  
10: 10 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule      **Session Meets** – February 18, 2018.  
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

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