

# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan  
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 15, 2023

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

\*Praise Medley

Insert

\*Prayer of Confession:

**Precious Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. In our weakness we have tried to rationalize and excuse our sins. Help us to know the truth about ourselves and run to you in sorrow and repentance, drawn by the promise of your mercy. Cleanse us by your redeeming grace and send us out to serve you in the name of Jesus.**

\*Assurance of God's Pardon

**\*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message (Sunday)

Prayer for Illumination (Saturday)

--Dean Wright

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--Gail Hamby

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Pg. 609, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 40:1-11

Pg. 468 Pew Bible

Anthem (Saturday)

Choral Anthem (Sunday): *One Candle Lights the Way*

Sermon Text: John 1:29-42

Pg. 886, Pew Bible

Sermon

\*Hymn: *Just as I Am*

No. 488

\*Creed: *Confession of 1967*

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

The Offering (Sunday)

\*Doxology (Sunday): **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. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mark Kaad, Harvey Johnson, Darlene Duff, Tobias Cook, Karen Daft, Pat Quick, Sara Miller; for the right person to answer the call to be our Youth Pastor

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.**

\*Hymn: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

No. 403

\*Benediction

\*Response: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

No. 575

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CHURCH NOTES

- Monday:** 3:30p.m. Prayer in the Chapel  
5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)  
5:30p.m. Session
- Tuesday:** 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Bible Study  
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
- Wednesday:** 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB  
3:30p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Youth Group  
6:30p.m. Adult Choir
- Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That  
6:00p.m. 789 Youth Group
- Saturday:** 4:00p.m. Worship

**Everyone is invited** to a Martin Luther King Day Celebration today at Trinity United Methodist Church, 808 Carpenter Ave. from 3:00p.m.- 4:00p.m. There will be music, readings, prayers, video clips and personal stories. Music will be provided by our Praise Band. Afterward a free homemade meal will be served. No reservations needed! This event is sponsored by the local CRU, "Christians for Racial Understanding" and you can get more information at [northwoodscru@yahoo.com](mailto:northwoodscru@yahoo.com).

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held following the 9:00a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Business to be conducted includes: electing elders, deacons, and members of the 2023 nominating committee; renewing the Pastor's terms of call; and reviewing the Annual Report and the 2023 budget.

### **Soup Kitchen: Cookies Needed!**

There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Fireside Room to donate cookies or to join the baking group. Call Patti at 396-6951 or call the office if you have any questions.

**The per capita** for 2023 is \$39.

**Ushers:** Tim and Chris Hanley; Ferrand and Gladys Ethington