



# SALT & LIGHT

February 9, 2020  
First Presbyterian Church of Homewood  
Homewood, IL



# THE CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 2020

10:30 a.m.

\*Congregation stands as able - Indented BOLD indicates Congregation to speak.

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOMEWOOD MISSION STATEMENT

Through the grace of God, faith in Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, we prayerfully seek to discern God's will for this congregation and to reach beyond ourselves to feed the hungry, body and soul. Adopted by Session 7/31/17

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

*You are the peace of all things calm  
You are the place to hide from harm  
You are the light that shines in dark  
You are the heart's eternal spark  
You are the door that's open wide  
You are the guest who waits inside  
You are the stranger at the door  
You are the calling of the poor  
You are my Lord and with me still  
You are my love, keep me from ill  
You are the light, the truth, the way  
You are my Saviour this very day.*  
(celtic oral tradition - 1st millennium)

### PRELUDE

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

arr. Samuel Metzger

### INTROIT

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

Jim Strathdee

**\*CALL TO CONTINUING WORSHIP**

from Psalm 112:1-4

One: Praise the LORD!

**Many: Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.**

One: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

**Many: the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

One: Wealth and riches are in their houses,

**Many: and their righteousness endures forever.**

One: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

**Many: they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

**\*HYMN 65**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM Rhondda

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God and Parent of us all; we cry out with that Father who brought his convulsing son to Jesus for healing, “I believe; help my unbelief! We wait for the big moment, the unavoidable clue as to what you would have us do. We miss the gentle whispers in our thoughts. We overlook your voice in the voice of those around us. We helplessly become numb to the cries of creation itself. Shake and stir us, not in anger, but as a parent gently and persistently prodding a child from slumber. Wrap us in your warm loving arms as we shake the cobwebs from our minds. Amen.**

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**



The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*Butterfly Wings*

Rev. Elvery

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN 700**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm Gonna

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**from the Confession of Belhar**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of reconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world; that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity; that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.**

## **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.**

## **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

### **OFFERTORY**

*C Cipher*

Wilbur Held

### **\*DOXOLOGY 606**

Old Hundredth

**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 DEDICATION**

**Gracious and Powerful God, regardless or the size of our gifts, see in them our willingness to be salt and light. We want to be active agents in your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

## **WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

### **\*HYMN**

*This Little Light of Mine*  
(See next page for hymn.)

Nolan Williams Jr.

# This Little Light of Mine

Nolan Williams Jr.

1. This lit - tle light of \_\_\_ mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. \_\_\_  
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I \_\_\_ go, I'm gon-na let it shine. \_\_\_  
 3. Je - sus \_\_\_ gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine. \_\_\_

oh oh

5  
 This lit - tle light of \_\_\_ mine, I'm gon - na let it shine. \_\_\_  
 Ev - 'ry - where I \_\_\_ go, I'm gon - na let it shine. \_\_\_  
 Je - sus \_\_\_ gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine. \_\_\_

9  
 This lit - tle light of \_\_\_ mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. \_\_\_ Let it shine, \_\_\_  
 Ev - 'ry - where I \_\_\_ go, I'm gon-na let it shine. \_\_\_ Let it shine, \_\_\_  
 Je - sus \_\_\_ gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine. \_\_\_ Let it shine, \_\_\_

13  
 \_\_\_ let it shine, \_\_\_ let it shine. \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ let it shine, \_\_\_ let it shine. \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ let it shine, \_\_\_ let it shine. \_\_\_

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

Delores Dufner

## **POSTLUDE**

*Ancient Galleries*

Dennis Janzer

*Some people choose to be seated to listen to the postlude. If you need to leave, the pastor and worship leader are glad to greet you at the entrance of the sanctuary. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!*

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**Rev. Dudley J. Elvery II, Interim Pastor**

**Mr. Tim VanNasdale, Director of Music/Organist**

Worship Liturgist: Jerry Hazlett

Ushers: Phil Dillman, Kim Hamilton

The most recent addition to our Book of Confessions, The Confession of Belhar, comes from The Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa, the church that succeeded the Dutch Reformed Mission Church after apartheid.



Please join us for a time of fellowship at Heavenly Perks, hosted today by the Board of Trustees, downstairs in Westminster Hall immediately following worship. Everyone is invited!



**WELCOME** – Good morning! We are blessed that we are able once again to gather as a community in God’s house. Welcome to everyone present today. May we keep our minds and hearts open as we receive God’s word this day. Pray with us as we give thanks to our God, who is ever with us in our daily walk.

**WORSHIP AIDS** – Large print copies of the bulletin and hymnal, and printed copies of the sermon are available before the service. Please request these items from an usher.

**YOUNG CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL** – The story today is “*Trusting God to Care for Me.*” The teachers today are Karen Maurer and Laura Dillman. Children begin the 10:30 a.m. worship with families in the sanctuary, participate in passing the peace of Christ, have a Moment with Pastor Dudley on the chancel steps, then walk with the teachers to the classroom. YCSS welcomes children ages 2-7. The nursery next door to the classroom is available to parents and babies as needed; a speaker broadcasts the service to the nursery.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL VIDEO SERIES** – Early Christianity was prolific in its production of Gospels—narratives that in one way or another have Jesus of Nazareth as their central character. There are many more Gospels than the four included in the New Testament, either deliberately omitted or lost and rediscovered in later centuries. They are almost bewilderingly diverse in the way they portray Jesus. What could be more interesting than a video lecture series on *Jesus and the Gospels*. The Gospels are many, and it will require 36 lessons to examine them. Join us on Sunday each week at 9:30 a.m. for the 30-minute video presentation and the following 20-minute discussion. Next week’s lesson is “*Jesus in Word: Two Gnostic Gospels.*” See enclosed synopsis. Everyone is welcome!

**SCRIPTURES IN WORSHIP** – Next Sunday, we will be reading Psalm 119:1-8 and Matthew 5:21-37.

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT PANERA BREAD** meets on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study will be meeting at the *new* Panera Bread in Homewood on 175<sup>th</sup> and Halsted (west side). We are studying the book of Isaiah using the Bible Study written by Gary W. Light. If you'd like to join in or have questions, talk to Laurie Ulrich, Kathie Hazlett or Jan Bunker. Everyone is welcome!

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMUNITY DINNERS** – Join us on Mondays (including holidays) from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for a free delicious meal and fellowship as we host our community for supper in Westminster Hall. We need volunteers to help make this happen. If you are able to help with this and/or interested in helping with one of the dinners, please call Jay Webster at 224/234-7244. Thank you for helping us serve our community!



COMMUNITY DINNERS

**2020 GIVING ENVELOPES** – The Session gives thanks to God for your gifts and continued commitment to support the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ through First Presbyterian Church of Homewood. The 2020 offering envelope boxes are in the cloister, arranged alphabetically for everyone to pick up. If you wish to deliver someone else's box, please sign the list so we know where the box is. The new 2020 per capita amount is \$36.00 per communicant member of the church. Thank you!

**BAKE SALE** – The Women's Association is sponsoring a Bake Sale today during Heavenly Perks. The proceeds will benefit the operations of the Women's Association.





## ANNUAL MEETING

### ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH –

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship. We will begin with a potluck lunch

and then move into our meeting. Please bring a dish to share and plan to attend this important meeting. We will review the 2019 Annual Report and financial information, nominate and elect members of the Nominating Committee for 2020, hear a report from the Trustees, and attend to any additional business coming from Session and/or members. If you have specific questions or items for discussion please let the Clerk of Session, Ed Wahl, know in advance so that we plan our time appropriately.

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY** – The 2020 calendar for chancel flowers is up in the Narthex. Flower dedications may be in honor or memory of someone or to “the glory of God”. Garden flowers are also welcome. If you wish to donate flowers for the sanctuary and/or have questions, please contact Jay Webster at 224/234-7244.

**CHICAGO HEIGHTS MEN’S FELLOWSHIP** – First Presbyterian Homewood men are invited to join the Chicago Heights Men’s Fellowship gathering on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> (postponed from Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>), 12:30 p.m. at Paulie’s Pub, 2736 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights. Share a devotion, a few pops, and Christian fellowship. Hope to see you there.



February means that it is time for the **South Suburban Church Choir Festival**. This year, the festival will be at First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Heights at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our Chancel Choir will participate with choir members from St. Paul Community Church joining us. There will be seven or eight church choirs, some of them also

combined. Each choir sings two songs and all choirs sing three songs together. This year all choirs will sing a Cameroon song in that language! Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of music.



**Prayer Card Ministry** – As a way of strengthening our Christian family ties, please hold these individuals in prayer this week: Pat Steiner, Eleanor Steiner, Brian and Kely Tufts, Paul and Sylvia Tufts, Laurie Ulrich.

**Continuing:** Karen Allison’s friend, Joanne Harris; Earl Anker, RoseMary Baird and family; Elizabeth Boersma, Doug Bonthron, Sally Wolford and the Bonthron family; Leo Brant (community dinner guest), Dee Delaney’s sister, Linda; Donald Cantway, Kathie Darman's older sister and brother-in-law, Pauline and Gordy Briggs; Laura Dillman, Phil Dillman, Evelyn Dixon, Johnnie Dorsey, Mae Evert, Barbara Foerch, Amber Freiberg’s mom, Judy Jurek; Darlene Giesbrecht’s sisters, Sylvia Archer and Carol Moneysmith, brother, Rich Giesbrecht, and nieces, Melissa Stansberry and Isabel; daughter, Angela Correa; Ramses Godoy’s mom, Virginia; Char Hansen’s son, Ron and daughter-in-law, Lisa Hansen; Jonna James, Melodee Leimnetzer and her brother, Bud; Bruce Miller, Kathleen O’Hanlon’s niece, Caitlin Reeb and friends, Angela and John Gillespie, Nancy Nichols, and cousin Richard; Betty Owens, Betty Ross, Jay and Debby Ruklic, Michael Simon, Eleanor Steiner, Pat Steiner, Ron Stroh, Paul Tufts, Sandy VanHorn and nephew, Mike Slattery; Laurie Ulrich and her brother, Rick Noetzel Tim VanNasdale’s mom, Linda VanNasdale, Jay Webster’s grandmother; families and animals affected by the Australia wildfires.

**Our Military Family:** David Conover, Beth Kauffman, Cameron Miller, Tom Skenandore, Ethan Wald, Michael Wheeler.

**UPDATING PRAYER LISTS** – As we move into the new year, we would like to update our prayer lists of “Continuing” and “Military Family” names. Please update the church office (798-0490 and/or [fpchw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fpchw@sbcglobal.net)) for names to continue into 2020.



# *Jesus and the Gospels*

(Adult Sunday School Video Series)

**February 16, 2020**

*Jesus in Word: Two Gnostic Gospels* – *The Dialogue of the Savior* is at least as much “Gnostic” as it is “Christian.” In the dialogue format, a prominent role is played by Judas, Matthew, Miriam, and “his disciples.” Jesus appears in this Gospel as “the revealer of saving knowledge.” The moral stance advocated by the composition is ascetical, with taking off and putting on clothing used symbolically for taking off materiality and putting on spirituality. The role of women is ambiguous, with both positive and negative notes sounded. The Gospel of Mary is a fragmentary witness to the special role accorded to Mary Magdalen. In the canonical tradition as well, Mary of Magdala is important as a witness to the resurrection. Here, the dialogue apparently takes place after the resurrection and involves Peter, Mary, Levi, and Andrew. The male disciples are portrayed as hesitant to take on the mission they have been assigned. Mary rallies them with a discourse that is, alas, largely missing in the remaining fragment. She has a vision of the Lord and speaks of slaying ignorance. Andrew challenges Mary’s leadership position, and Levi, in turn, rebukes Peter.



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOMEWOOD

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### This Week

#### Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship / YCSS
- 11:30 a.m. - Heavenly Perks / Bake Sale

#### Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 p.m. - Community Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. - Stewardship & Finance
- 7:00 p.m. - AA

#### Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

- 10:30 a.m. - Bible Study @ Panera Bread
- 7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees
- 7:30 p.m. - Emotions Anonymous

#### Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. - Women's AA
- 7:00 p.m. - AA
- 7:30 p.m. - Rebecca Circle

#### Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 p.m. - Handbells
- 7:40 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

- 12:30 p.m. - FPC-Chicago Heights Men's Fellowship Lunch @ Paulie's Pub
- 8:00 p.m. - Alanon
- ~ *Happy Valentine's Day!* ~

#### Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. - AA
- 10:30 a.m. - AA

### Next Week

#### Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship / YCSS
- 11:30 a.m. - Potluck Lunch / Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Annual Meeting of the Corporation
- 5:30 p.m. - AME Church

#### Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 p.m. - Community Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. - Session
- 7:00 p.m. - AA

#### Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

- 10:30 a.m. - Bible Study @ Panera Bread
- 7:30 p.m. - Emotions Anonymous

#### Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. - Women's AA
- 7:00 p.m. - AA

#### Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 p.m. - Handbells
- 7:40 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- ~ *The Carillon Deadline* ~

#### Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

- 7:00 p.m. - Model Club
- 8:00 p.m. - Alanon

#### Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. - AA
- 10:30 a.m. - AA

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**Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.**

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**Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.**

## Church Staff Directory

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Debra Campbell

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Interim Pastor

Director of Music/Organist

Secretary

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Sexton

## The Session

Ed Wahl, Clerk of Session

Rev. Dudley J. Elvery II, Moderator

### 2020

Karen Maurer

Kathleen O'Hanlon

Ed Wahl

### 2021

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Sylvia Tufts

Jay Webster

### 2022

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Kathie Darman

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