

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—JANUARY 17, 2021

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP!

PRELUDE/MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION

"I For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Cheryl Mayhew, organist
James Denton

GREETING

Pastor Eric Gale

RINGING OF THE BELL

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Leader: Bill Jourdan

L: We gather together in the name of our God, the Maker of heaven and earth...

P:: Who calls us away from the customs and attitudes of the world around us, and invites us instead into a transforming relationship with Him and with one another.

All: Let's worship God together!

† OPENING HYMN

"More About Jesus"

More about Jesus would I know, More of His grace to others show; More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.

Refrain:

More, more about Jesus; More, more about Jesus; More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.

More about Jesus let me learn, More of His holy will discern; Spirit of God, my teacher be, Showing the things of Christ to me. [Refrain]

More about Jesus in His Word, Holding communion with my Lord; Hearing His voice in every line, Making each faithful saying mine. [Refrain]

More about Jesus on His throne, Riches in glory all His own; More of His kingdom's sure increase; More of His coming, Prince of Peace. [Refrain] CCLI #1160606

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess how easy it is for us to begin to adopt the attitudes and actions of the world around us; to let our lives be shaped by contemporary culture rather than by Your call. We confess how often we think of our own interests first—more concerned with our own status and well-being than with the well-being of others. We have allowed intolerance and resentment to tear us apart. We do not always acknowledge You as Lord, trusting in our own abilities rather than submitting ourselves to Your will and Your call.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, forgive us and transform us. Change us from the inside out, so that our words and our lives would bring honor and glory to You, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

P: We are God's children, called to be different, called to act different, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen

† GLORIA PATRI

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.

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Elders: Brad Hedrick, Jennie Auble, Barb Runyon, Peggy Deakyne

Deacons: Pam Layman, Sandy Nickloy, Judy Sauers, Deb Wilson, Alexa Gordon (Youth)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

FUMC of Lawrenceville, GA

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

"The Bible is God's Word"

Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; Open my heart and let me prepare Love with Thy children, thus to share. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.

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MESSAGE

"THE DISCIPLE MAKING CHURCH—Pt. 3"

Pastor Eric Gale

"A Mind Transformed by the Word"

Joshua 1:1-9; Romans 12:1-2

† CLOSING HYMN *"I Am Thine, O Lord"* (vs. 1, 2 & 4 only)

I am Thine, O Lord; I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love to me. But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the pow'r of grace divine. Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine. [Refrain]

There are depths of love that I cannot know Till I cross the narrow sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee. [Refrain]

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† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"St. Anthony's Chorale"

Franz Josef Haydn

† Please stand if you are able.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Sandi & Gary Blackburn, on the passing of Gary's sister from Covid-19.

Carol Updegraff, at Riverview Rehab.

Ed Laskowski Hedrick's next-door neighbor, Ed has stage 4 prostate cancer and lost his wife last spring.

Chris Mannion friend of Claudia MacRae and Kiersten Clifford, having surgery for melanoma followed by chemotherapy.

The Reel Family, friends of Lindsey Wilson, upon the death of their mother due to Covid-19.

Those who feel a deep sense of loneliness, especially during these Covid days.

OUR THANKS TO OUR OUTGOING ELDERS & DEACONS...

Deacons: Jeanine Loomis, Susan Clark & Claudia MacRae.

Elders: Larry Grabb, Sue Jourdan & Lee Ann Stein.

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ²"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them--to the Israelites. ³I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates--all the Hittite country--to the Great Sea on the west. ⁵No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

⁶"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. ⁷Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

MESSAGE NOTES

Understanding the Bible is a process of transformation that lasts a lifetime...

I. **From:** My understanding of the Jesus of the Bible is _____ to
make me want to give my life to him.

To: I know enough of the Jesus of the Bible to ask him to be the _____
and _____ of my life.

II. **From:** The Bible is _____.

To: I understand the Bible's _____ story and teachings.

III. **From:** I _____ let the Bible inform my understanding and choices.

To: I _____ study the Bible, allowing it to shape the entirety
of my understanding and choices.

IV. **From:** The Bible is something to be _____.

To: The Bible is something to be _____.