

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Office Hours

Shannon is in the office Tuesday - Thursday from 9:30 – 3:00 and on Friday from 9:30-1:00.

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held immediately following the worship service on Jan. 30. Please plan to stay for a few minutes to celebrate the accomplishments of 2021, receive the reports of Session and Committees, and to vote on the Terms of Call for the pastor.

### Notice of Live Streaming

Please be aware that we are live-streaming our worship service today. If you do not wish to have your child in view during the children's time, you are invited to sit with them on the front pew with your backs to the cameras.

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### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor	Janet B. DeWater
Administrative Assistant	Shannon Fish
Director of Music	Hanna Lee
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# First Presbyterian Church

*Open doors, open hearts, a welcome for all just as you are!*

**January 23, 2022**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

Rev. Janet DeWater

*As the pandemic continues you are asked to wear a mask (extras are available in the back) and to seat yourselves at a distance from others. We are eager to shake hands and hug one another but will hold off out of love and concern for each other.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

To God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

### **We praise you!**

That the eyes of the blind be opened, the poor hear the good news, the captives be brought out of darkness,

### **Your kingdom come, O God; your will be done!**

Then let us sing to God a new song.

### **With joy let us honor our maker.**

### **\*Hymn #673**

*Jesus, Light of Joy*

V.1&3

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of water, wind, spirit and light, we come before you today asking for your mercy to be poured out on our lives. Forgive us for the times when we have not sought you in our daily living: when we are infrequent in our study of your word; when we are impatient in our times of prayer; when we do not prioritize Christian fellowship and service. Forgive us we pray. Lead us back to you. Open our hearts to see you, hear you and meet you in this life that you have given to us. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

### **\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God takes delight in us and rejoices over us. God's limitless love has the power to turn the troubled waters of resentment and fear into the wine of grace. Let us receive and celebrate the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

### **Thanks be to God!**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE #582**

*Glory to God*

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Karen Jones

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

John 2: 1-11

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**HOMILY**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Iona Abbey Worship

We believe and trust in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus – the Word made flesh – to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the power of the Spirit. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect for creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope. In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**PASTORAL PRAYER 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**THE OFFERING**

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

With grateful hearts we offer these gifts, O God. May they be blessed to have compassion for the world, hope for all who struggle, and vision for our ministry. Amen.

**\*HYMN #649**

*Amazing Grace*

V.1&2

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE #769**

*And God Will Rejoice*

Refrain

**\*POSTLUDE**

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\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**A warm welcome to all this morning!** If you are visiting a special welcome to you! We hope you find the worship service to be a blessing. We invite you to fill out the visitor card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering box. We would love to get better acquainted, and we invite your participation in the worship, fellowship and mission of this church.

**Children are always welcome in worship, wiggles, giggles and all!** We value their presence with us as we worship God, knowing that this is how they experience the loving community of Christ and how they learn to worship. We hope to reopen the nursery in the near future and when it is safe to do so.

**Our service is a little bit different** as we worship during these days of pandemic, seeking to love our neighbor by keeping one another safe. The service is shorter in length, and we are taking precautions. We are not passing the friendship pad but if you wish to connect with the pastor please email Janet at [jdewater@fpcmountholly.com](mailto:jdewater@fpcmountholly.com) or call/email Shannon in the church office: 704-827-0521, [sfish@fpcmountholly.com](mailto:sfish@fpcmountholly.com)

**The Offering** – as an added pandemic safety measure, we are receiving the offering for our church and ministry at the box at the rear of the sanctuary. There is also a Paypal option available on the church website [fpcmountholly.com](http://fpcmountholly.com) or through the provided QR Code.



**Ushers Needed!** We are looking for folks to serve as ushers on an occasional Sunday morning. If this is something you might be able to help out with, please plan to remain after worship today for a brief training and opportunity to sign up for dates of your choice. Many thanks!