

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

 **January 29, 2023 11:00**

**“Donut Sunday” Fellowship Hall**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Janet DeWater

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,

**hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.**

Fill us with your Spirit,

**that we may worship you in spirit and in truth.**

**\*HYMN #614** *Great Are You, Lord*

 **#656** *We’ve Come This Far by Faith*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You have told us what is good, O God, and yet we live as though we haven’t heard. Awareness of your amazing grace fades from front and center in our lives. We know that we have sinned by our actions and our inaction. We seek reconciliation and strength that we may follow in your way. Hear our confessions and know that we long to receive new life and to act in ways that honor Jesus, our Savior. *(Please pause for a moment of silent prayer…)*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Let us rejoice and be glad, for God’s mercy is great and God’s love is for us.

**In the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Jordan Ashe

**SCRIPTURE READING**  Micah 6:1-8

**SUNG RESPONSE #70** *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

**HOMILY**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF** **FAITH**  Iona Abbey Worship

We believe in God who made the seas and the earth, the sun and the sky, who calls us to live responsibly.

We believe in Jesus Christ who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children, who made friends with sinners. He burned brightly and offended many. His journey was one of life and death and resurrection. His light continues to shine in the darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures, and whose breath we breathe. We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone, old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak. We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice, brothers and sisters, and a light for our world. Amen.

**\*HYMN #749** Come, Live in the Light! V. 1&3

**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** *Today we also receive a special offering for “Daily Change”*

 *to support hunger relief in our Presbytery*

 **Offertory**

**\*Doxology #606**  *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

We offer before you, O God, our gifts for ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. Please bless them and us to serve in faith and joy. Amen.

**\*HYMN #747** *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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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 plate. We would love to get better acquainted, and we invite your participation in the worship, fellowship and mission of this church. If you wish to connect with the pastor please email Janet at jdewater@fpcmountholly.com or call the church office: 704-827-0521

**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 now have a **“Worship and Play”** room available downstairs for children and their parents where we are streaming the service and toys are available for those who need a more active space during the service.

**The Offering** – The offering to support our ministry and mission is

Gratefully received during the offertory, or your contributions can be

made by using the provided QR code or the Paypal option available

on the church website fpcmountholly.com Thank you.

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation** - will be held immediately after worship today.

**SOUPer Bowl of Caring** – Our young people will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations on Feb. 12 during worship. They invite your participation in this nationwide drive to feed the hungry! Thank you!

**Vacation Bible School** – The dates for our Intergenerational Vacation Bible School are Sunday, July 9 (12:00 – 1:30, lunch included) and Monday – Tuesday, July 10-11 (6:00 – 7:30 dinner included). Mark your calendars!

**Office Hours**

Please call ahead before coming to church to be sure someone is here to let you in.

**Notice of Live Streaming**

Please be aware that we are live streaming our worship service today.

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