

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:45) *“Rain Down on Me”* Ruth Elaine Schram

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:1-11

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“The Beginning of the Gospel”*
Reverend Rob Erickson

THE THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

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.

Breaking of Bread/Sharing of the Cup

The Communion Bread is gluten-free so all might partake.

Communion of the People

SHARING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

Pastorale

Anon

*Doxology

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.

Offertory Prayer

* HYMN #341 *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”* Assurance

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!” (Chorus)

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Savior all the day long.

*Postlude *Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly* Camil Van Halsey

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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“The Beginning of the Gospel”



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Baptism of the Lord Sunday **January 7, 2018**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *We Three Kings* Wilbur Held
Jimmy Kay Sanders, organist

INTROIT (10:45) *“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”* Doris Akers
Chancel Choir, Dr. Natasia Sexton, Director

ENTERING OF WORD AND LIGHT

THE GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 29:1,2*)
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

* OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #476 *“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”* Lyons

PRAYER OF CONFESSION(*in unison*)

Beloved God, revealed in Jesus, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and the gift of your Holy Spirit and the gift of forgiveness. We confess that we do not always share your gifts freely. Forgive us Lord and free us to be bearers of your grace and forgiveness and sharers of your Gospel. Hear us as we pray silently...

Our Silent Personal Prayers of Confession

* DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Alleluia and 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. Amen.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Peace be with you...and also with you.”

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

(8:30) BAPTISM OF LILLIAN, MADELAINE & VIVIAN ENGLE

(10:45) MEET JOHN THE BAPTIST

* HYMN #492 *“Baptized in Water”* Bunessan

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-5

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30)

Christmas Concerto A. Corelli; arr. Toussaint & Saleffif
Carmen Brown, piano

TODAY AT FPC

WELCOME to our service of worship this Third Sunday After Pentecost. Join us for refreshments in Knox Hall following worship.

OUR RADIO BROADCAST over Station KWOS (950 AM) at 11:00 a.m. today is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruby Quinn from Sue Strong.

FLOWERS in the sanctuary this day are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim strong from Sue Strong.

USHERS: 8:30 am Gerald Wood
10:45 am Kent Burson
5:00 pm Nathan Nickolaus

BUS DRIVERS: Todd Holt & Beth Archias

FLOWER VISITATION: Melissa Manda & Becca Hickman

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Reverend Rob Erickson’s sermon, **“Called by God,”** will be based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and John 1:43-51. Feel free to study this passage in preparation for worship. We will ordain and install newly-elected officers in worship.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE @ FIVE

In our Sunday Night worship at 5:00 we will focus on the transition into a new year of opportunities for our church community and the community around us. Using Matthew 2:13-15 we will emphasize the presence of God guiding us as God guided Mary and Joseph on their journey from their homeland of Israel into the unknown land of Egypt. As God’s Spirit guided them, so God will guide us in this time of transition as we go forth to share the love and compassion of God.

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship/Reception for the Ericksons - Knox Hall
9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
10:45 am Worship Service
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship/Reception for the Ericksons - Knox Hall
2:00 pm Worship at Primrose Retirement Community
5:00 pm Sunday Night Live @5 Worship Service
5:45 pm Shared Meal - Knox Hall

RECEPTIONS FOR PASTOR ROB AND JOAN ERICKSON WILL FOLLOW BOTH MORNING SERVICES TODAY.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN KNOX HALL.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting between the worship services TODAY, January 7th to dissolve the call of Rev. Dr. Rob Erickson effective January 15th, as he is called to another church and to elect three additional Deacons to fill vacancies on the Board of Deacons: Cindy Gaines (2018), Valerie Holt (2018) and Jessica Cox (2020).

For more event dates & times, please see the calendar on our website at www.fpcjcmo.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monday, January 8 through Sunday, January 14

MON - FRI	9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Preschool
MON - THUR	8:30 am - 3:00 pm	K-Plus
MON	10:00 am	Hands for Mission Sewing Group - Chapel
	4:30 pm	Serve Supper at Salvation Army
	5:00 pm	Facilities Committee - Library
	5:15 pm	Bible Study - Parlor
	5:30 pm	Social Justice Ministry Team - McAfee Room
	6:00 pm	Stewardship Committee - Parlor
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministers - Library
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 2 - Gym
TUES	9:30 am	Bible Study - McAfee Room
	1:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	4:30 pm	Serve Supper at Salvation Army
	6:30 pm	Session Meets - Chapel
WED	1:30 pm	Presbyterian Women Faith Circle - Heisinger Bluffs, Apt. 327
	4:30 pm	Serve Supper at Salvation Army
	6:00 pm	SWAG (Mid Highs) Meet
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	EPIC (Senior Highs) Meet
THUR	7:30 am	Stephen Minister Leaders Meet - Rob’s Office
	12:45 pm	Presbyterian Women Afternoon Circle - Library
FRI	10:15 am	Meals on Wheels
SAT	11:30 am	Serve Lunch at Ken Locke Apartments
SUN		CHURCH OFFICER ORDINATION
	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
	9:45 am	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
	12:00 pm	Deacon Luncheon
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live @5 Worship Service
	5:45 pm	Shared Meal - Knox Hall

YOUTH NEWS

SWAG and EPIC meet this Wednesday! SWAG from 6-730pm and EPIC from 7-830 in the Youth Room.

There will be a Senior High Overnighter on Friday, Jan 19. Other churches in the presbytery will be coming. See Zac for permission forms!