

February 2, 2020
10:30 am

Prelude *Near to the Heart of God* Lani Smith

Call to Worship

Leader: We are called to follow - to walk in the way of justice and righteousness,

People: for we are children of God!

Leader: We are called to serve - to be Christ with and for one another,

People: for we are the salt of the earth!

Leader: We are called to shine - to be beacons of hope and witnesses to truth,

People: for we are the light of the world!

Leader: Come, you who are claimed as children of God, salt of the earth and light of the world.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

* Hymn #667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Welcome and Announcements

* Passing the Peace of Christ

* Hymn #188 *Jesus Loves Me!*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lover of justice, Giver of mercy, you call us to share our bread with the hungry and to open our homes to the homeless, to care for the poor and to satisfy the needs of those who suffer. Some of your commandments are easy to follow; others require so much of us! How can we break the chains of injustice and untie the cords of oppression? When we consider the brokenness of our world, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. Forgive us when we use our sense of helplessness as an excuse. Remind us, we pray, that you are at work in and through us to bring about your reign. Free us from fear and stir our hearts toward a greater generosity, that we might be the salt and light you have called us to be. (moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...Friends, believe the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Hymn #581 - *Glory Be to the Father*

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.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-12 Page 647

Anthem *My Tribute* Andrae' Crouch

The Word with Children

Children up to the 2nd grade are invited to "Children's Chapel" for worship-centered activities.

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-20 Page 4

Sermon *Salt, Light and Law*

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Norwegian Sketch* Edvard Grieg

* Doxology #606

* Prayer of Dedication

Please wait until all have been served so we may receive the bread and the cup together. All baptized Christians may partake of the Lord's Supper.

* Hymn #525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

* Hymn #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

* Charge and Blessing

* Postlude *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* W. Walter

* Please stand, if it is comfortable for you.

Welcome to Forest Presbyterian Church! Church School for all ages at 9:30, worship service at 10:30. Child-care for infants and toddlers is on the lower level. During the 10:30 service, children up to the second grade are invited to Children's Chapel on the lower level following The Word with Children. Older children are invited to join in the worship service.

Visitor Cards are located on the welcome table. Please fill out the card and either give it to the Pastor, or place it in the offering plate.

CD's of today's service are available at the sound booth. Sermons are available on our church website (forestchurch.org).

Liturgist John (Biz) Klingenfus

Usher Scott Francis

Today is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday - Last day for our FPC Team to help beat hunger. Our record was 500 - How much was collected? Way to go Forest Church!

NO Handbells practice and NO FYRE Youth Group today!

March newsletter deadline is Monday, February 10. Please have all your information into the church office.

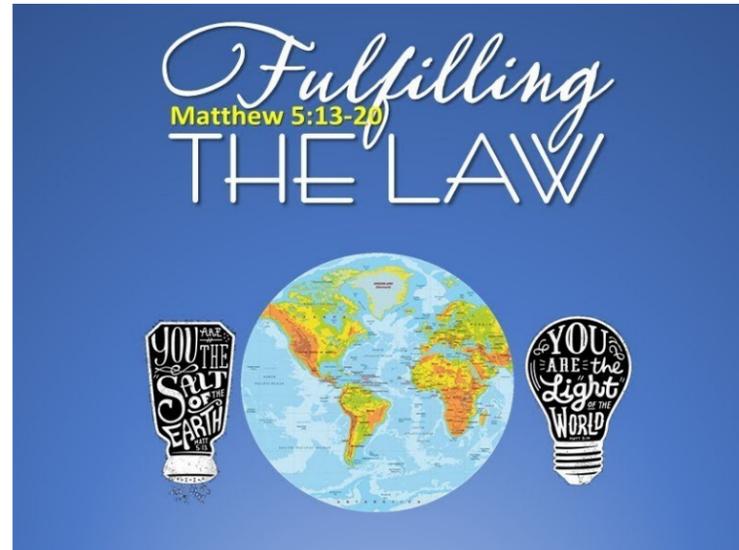
Pledge Cards are still available on the table in the Commons. Please fill out and place them in the offering plate on Sunday.

The FYRE Youth Group is sending Valentines to College Students during the week of February 10. You may write out Valentine cards and give donations through Sunday, February 9. Blank hearts and envelopes are on the table in the Commons. What a wonderful way for the congregation to encourage our youth away from home.

We are in need of a **Church School Superintendent** (teaching not required). If you feel God is calling you to help out in this ministry please contact Meghann Cope for more details.

Church Ornaments have arrived! If you purchased an ornament please contact either Lisa Klingenfus or the church office to pick up your ornament. Also, we have more ornaments for sale. Cost is \$10.

FPC Church Retreat - Connected in Creation - March 20-21, 2020. At W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake. Pick up a brochure in the Commons. Registration is open now (make checks out to FPC). Questions, contact Laura McCurry for additional information.



Week at a Glance...

Today, Sunday, February 2 Communion

9:30 am Church School
10:30 am Worship Service

Tuesday, February 4

10:00 am Disciples in ChristCare
7:00 pm Session

Wednesday, February 5

6:00 pm Chimes/Handbells Rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 6

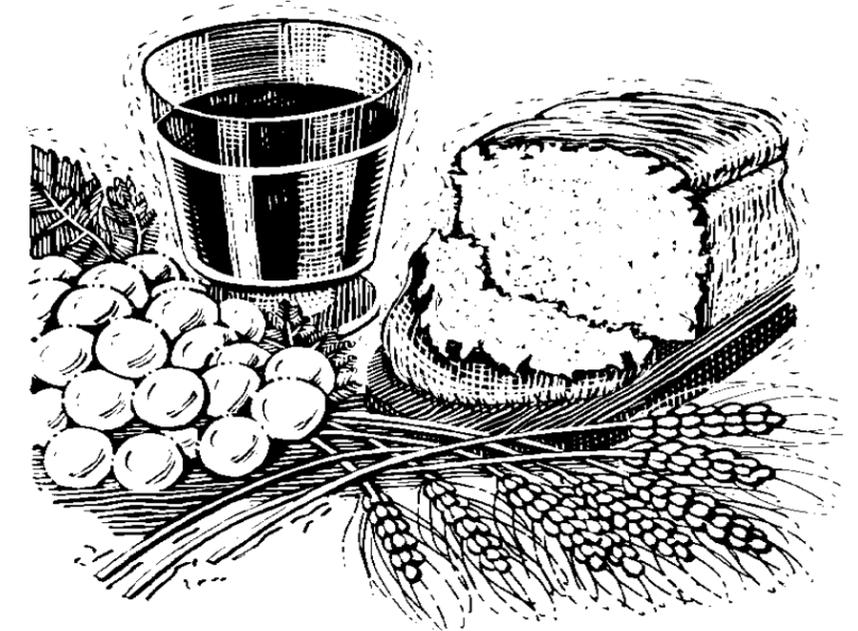
9:00 am TOPS
6:00 pm Deacons

Sunday, February 9

9:30 am Church School
10:30 am Worship Service
2:15 pm Kids Music
3:00 pm Chimes/Handbells Rehearsal
4:30 pm FYRE Youth Group - Sending Valentine Cards

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Living God's Heart, Hands, & Voice

“You are the salt of the earth;
but if salt has lost its taste,
how can its saltiness be restored?”
“You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
No one after lighting a lamp
puts it under the bushel basket,
but on the lampstand,
and it gives light to all in the house.”
“Do not think that I have come
to abolish the law or the prophets;
I have come not to abolish
but to fulfill.”