

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**Sunday, January 27, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

The Third Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“The Heavens Are Telling” (Beethoven)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19, selected verses

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
**the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;**
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
**the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
**the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
**sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

***OPENING HYMN #645**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (Kirchengesang)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your Son calls us to humble ourselves, to take the lowest place, to be last instead of first, to be the slave of all. We confess that we generally fail, instead falling into the sins of self-protection and self-promotion. We compare ourselves with others instead of giving thanks for the precious gifts for service that each one of us has, through your Holy Spirit.

Forgive us, we pray. By that same Holy Spirit, remind us continuously of our summons to serve in Christ's name, employing those unique skills, abilities, and capacities we have received as gifts. Make us humble and joyful in our service, to the praise of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581**

"Gloria Patri" (Greatorex)

**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 THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: "The peace of the Lord be with you." "And also with you."

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Nehemiah 8:1-3

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" (Friedell)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Luke 4:14-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“One Body”

***HYMN #300**

“We Are One in the Spirit” (Scholtes)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Holy Manna” (Lau)

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW #606**

(Genevan Psalter)

**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.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Christ our hope and salvation, you came among us, anointed...

**to bring good news to the poor;
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind;
to let the oppressed, go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**

We give thanks today for the commission of your Father and for your dedication to this labor.

You have called us to continue your work until the Day of your return. Using those unique and wonderful gifts given us by the Holy Spirit, we dedicate ourselves again today to serving those who are powerless, forgotten, vulnerable, and desperate. It is our joy to follow you. Amen.

***OUR LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #63**

“The Lord Is God” (Glaser)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.