

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**Sunday, February 24, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

The Seventh Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Prelude on Finlandia” (Ritter)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 37, selected verses

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

**Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

**But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight in abundant prosperity.**

***OPENING HYMN #14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (Kocher)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, we confess today that we see the wicked prosper, and we grumble about justice. You summon us to faith in you, but we are filled with misgiving and anxiety. You ask us to be still and wait patiently for you, but we are impatient people. You command us to reject anger, but it overcomes us, time and again, like an ocean wave.

Forgive us, weak and wayward saints, we pray. By the transcendent power of your Holy Spirit, change and reform us. Make us faithful. Make us patient. Make us kind. Make us loving. We pray in the name of the one who bore our sin on the cross, and has set us free. 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

Genesis 45:1-15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“A Blessing” (Shaw)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Luke 6:27-38

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“A Good Measure”

***HYMN #726**

“*Will You Come and Follow Me*” (Scottish Melody)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Belhar Confession* (1986)

We believe

that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“*It is Well With My Soul*” (Ritter)

***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**

God of life, we give you thanks today that in and through the dying and rising of your beloved Son, our own rising is assured. We give you thanks that we will be raised with imperishable bodies, spiritual bodies, bearing the image of Christ. We confess that the resurrection remains a mystery to us, but we embrace its reality and its promise with joy.

Move us then, by your Spirit, to demonstrate that same joy in our lives. Move us to love when loving is hard. Move us to humility when humility is demanding. Move us to generosity when generosity is costly. Move us to forgive when forgiving is difficult. We pray through Christ, who calls us to costly discipleship. 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 #295** *"Go to the World"* (Williams)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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

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