



# **First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, Maryland**

## **January 16, 2022 – 8:30 am Virtual Worship**

### **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

#### **GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

Services are live-streamed, recorded, and posted on the website.

*At the ringing of the church bells, the congregation is invited to quiet their hearts & minds.*

**PRELUDE** - *Prelude from Prelude and Fugue in B minor, BWV 543*

J. S. Bach

**WELCOME** - **Minute for Mission:** Deb Dixon, Anti-Racism Team

**CHORAL INTROIT** - *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

J. Johnson

#### **✠ CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, stretching to the heavens—

**God, lofty like the clouds—**

God, mighty like the mountains—

**God, immense like the great deep—**

your salvation is expansive and generous, touching people and creatures alike.

**We rejoice in the measures of your steadfast love!**

Come let us worship God.

✠ **HYMN 395, VS. 1, 3** - *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

#### **PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD**

#### **✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, Gracious One. Change us — like water into wine — to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love.**

✠ **KYRIE 551** - *Land of Rest*

LAND OF REST

**Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us. (2x)**

#### **✠ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,**

**that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.**

Believe the good news:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

✠ **GLORIA PATRI 581** - *Glory Be to the Father*

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**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.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

#### ANTHEM - *Deep River*

arr. Moses Hogan

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don't you want to go, to that gospel feast, That promised land, where all is peace. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.*

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE - Psalm 36:5-10

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE - John 2:1-11

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

#### ✦ HYMN 699 - *Fill My Cup*

FILL MY CUP

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS - (Visit [www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/GIVE](http://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/GIVE) )

#### OFFERTORY - *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

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#### ✦ DOXOLOGY 606 - *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

#### ✦ HYMN 733, VS. 1, 3 - *We All Are One in Mission*

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#### ✦ BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE - *Fugue from Prelude and Fugue in B minor, BWV 544*

J. S. Bach

***Ordination & Installation of New Officers on Zoom Today at 11:00 am - Please Join Us!***

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85671860474?pwd=UGlqcHZRekhtYWFXcE04U1B6cEdZdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 7186 0474 / Passcode: 524216

**THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - Preacher:** Mihee Kim-Kort; **Liturgist:** Andrew Kort; **TWC:** Miss Good; **Minute:** Deb Dixon; **Solo:** David Hancock.

## ANTIRACISM TEAM

**Did you know** that one of the two founders of First Presbyterian, Dr. John Ridout, was a slaveholder, a proponent of freed slaves being encouraged to emigrate to Liberia, and an active member and officer of the Maryland State Colonization Society?

**Did you know** the phrase "whatever you do on New Year's Day, you'll be doing all year" actually comes from a dark aspect of slavery. In the African-American community, New Year's Day used to be widely known as "Hiring Day" because enslaved people spent New Year's Eve waiting, wondering if their owners were going to rent them out to someone else, thus potentially splitting up their families.

**Responding to Micah's call to do justice**, we launched an Antiracism Team (ART) in 2021 to study racism – both systemic and personal. We are examining racism's history and impact on Dr. King's concept of creating a beloved community, a society based on justice, equal opportunity, and love of one's fellow human beings. The Team has been identifying resources to support congregational education and awareness-building. We will collaborate with existing organizations such as ACT as we identify specific initiatives for working toward justice in our community. We will be hosting a Lenten Circle group; please keep an eye out for upcoming communications. If interested in information or joining ART, contact Debbie at [debmitchell1026@comcast.net](mailto:debmitchell1026@comcast.net).

If you haven't had a chance to read Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s *Letter From a Birmingham Jail*, we encourage you to take a look as we remember him this weekend. Thank you, The FPC Antiracism Team



### **Letter From a Birmingham Jail (1963)**

Caught in an inescapable network of mutuality – injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.  
Negotiation is the goal

- When that doesn't work, focus on raising the urgency of negotiation, consequences of not negotiating
- Constructive non-violent tension – drives growth
- "wait" doesn't work – easy to say if you haven't been the target of segregation
- White moderates are the great stumbling block – order over justice; paternalistically feel can set the timetable for another man's freedom; appalling silence of the good people
- The white church and its leadership has chosen caution over courage; driven by fear; sits on the sidelines pushing pious irrelevancies, supporting the status quo
- Time won't cure all ills – it's neutral; can be used destructively or constructively
- Saying peaceful activism precipitates violence is like condemning the robbed because possession of money precipitated the act of robbery

History is the long and tragic story of the fact that privileged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily; freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor – it must be demanded by the oppressed; human progress never rolls on wheels of inevitability – it comes through tireless efforts of coworkers with God. Segregation/racism: degenerating sense of nobodiness, corroding despair. Just and unjust laws

- Augustine: unjust law is no law at all
- Just law is a man-made law that squares with moral law – it uplifts humans
- Martin Buber: segregation substitutes I-It for I-Thou
- Paul Tillich: sin is separation; segregation is sin
- Unjust law is something inflicted on a minority who had no voice/vote
- Everything Hitler did in Germany was "legal"

Was not Jesus an extremist in love? Choose to be extremists for love or for hate  
The goal of America is freedom

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WINTER RELIEF:

1. **Host Week** - Our congregation, along with our partner St. Anne's Episcopal Church, will again host homeless men: February 14-21. We will host eight, fully vaccinated men in Fellowship Hall, with necessary Covid procedures to maximize health and safety. We will provide volunteer sign-up instructions soon. Stay tuned!
2. **Lunches** - Arundel House of Hope (AHOH) needs 50 bag lunches daily for homeless in Anne Arundel County who staying at the Red Roof Inn in Annapolis this winter. There's been a great response in filling up the January dates! To provide lunches in February or establish a team to divide the work, visit the AHOH website for information and to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa5a823a0face9-alternative4>.

**"WHAT IS ACT?" INFORMATION SESSION** - Sunday, January 23, 1:00-2:30 pm via Zoom. To be added to FPC's ACT LISTSERV and keep up-to-date with FPC's work with ACT, contact Julie Carlson ([Julieinannapolis@gmail.com](mailto:Julieinannapolis@gmail.com)).

## CALENDAR

Date	Church	Community
<b>Sun 1/16</b>	8:30 Virtual Worship	
	10:00 Jesus & Jammies (Zoom)	
	11:00 Ordination & Installation of New Officers (Zoom)	
	1:00 Youth Ice Skating (Quiet Waters)	
<b>Mon 1/17</b>	<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - Office Closed</b>	
		7:30 AA (FH)
	7:00 Virtual New Officer Training	Noon AA (FH) 8:00 AA (FH)
<b>Tues 1/18</b>	Noon Bulletin Deadline	7:30 AA (FH)
	7:00 Trustees	Noon AA (FH)
<b>Wed 1/19</b>	8:45 FoodShare (Whole Foods)	
	9:30 CLAMS	7:30 AA (FH)
	11:00 Staff	Noon AA (FH)
	3:00 Bible Study	
	7:00 Staff Committee; Worship & Music	
<b>Thu 1/20</b>		7:30 AA (FH)
	Weekly Covid Task Force	Noon AA (FH)
<b>Fri 1/21</b>	10:00 Food Fridays (Truxton)	7:30 AA (FH) Noon AA (FH)
<b>Sat 1/22</b>	8:00 Haiti Board Meeting	
	3:30 Private Funeral - <i>Sue Dodds</i> (columbarium)	8:30 AA (FH)
<b>Sun 1/23</b>	8:30 Virtual Worship	
	10:00 Jesus & Jammies	
	1:00 "What Is ACT" Information Session (Zoom)	
	5:00 Virtual Youth Fellowship	

**Rev. Dr. Andrew Kort & Rev. Mihee Kim-Kort, Co-Pastors**  
**Miss Good, Family Ministry Director / Jill Woodward, Music Director / Grace Oh, Organist**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis / 171 Duke of Gloucester Street / Annapolis MD 21401**  
**Partner with the Caibarién congregation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Church of Cuba**  
**The National Naval Memorial of the PC(USA) / An Earth Care Congregation of the PC(USA)**  
**Partner with Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren, Czech Republic**  
**Covenant Church with the Haiti Restoration Partnership**