



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Psalm 138)

Leader: In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.
People: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.
Leader: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.
People: And God found me and brought me home.
Leader: When my life was filled with joy and blessing, I danced and praised God.
People: And God danced and rejoiced with me.
All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 442

The Church's One Foundation

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Unison) *(inspired by Psalm 130, Ephesians 4)*

O God of compassion, if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand? We come before you with our brokenness and our wounds for all to see. We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness. We try to do good but sometimes fail. We choose to do evil and sometimes succeed. Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely. Without you, we have no hope.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. 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.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*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.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Exodus 21:23-24

Matthew 5:38-42

Dr. William D. Coker

THE SERMON:

"Eyes, Teeth, and Cheeks"

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Unison

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe in God the Father who created us, who loves us and makes us whole. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, whose death and resurrection is our salvation and our example. We believe in the Holy Spirit of God who calls us to abundant life. Glory be to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN # 540

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

*BENEDICTION

Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

POSTLUDE - (*) *We stand as we are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The flowers this Sunday are given by Doug & Julie Smith in memory of Dr. William J. Christman who was our pastor here from June 2004-September 2008. Dr. Christman died on December 27, 2011.
2. 8 Most Significant Words: "Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"
3. #1 Reason to Be at First Pres: Because we know why we're here - to share the Real Jesus.
4. Rev. Coker's sermon series "Jesus Speaks from the Mount":
February 9: "Eyes, Teeth and Cheeks"
February 16: "The Sink. "
5. Our fellowship luncheon is next Sunday, Feb. 16th immediately following the service.
6. Prayer List:
 - a. Cathy Martin (Biff's sister) - She has Pancreatic Cancer. The spot on her Liver has shrunk, and she can now switch to the Chemo Pill instead of Infusion. Unfortunately, her body chemistry did not allow her to qualify for a new Immune System Trial, but she is so positive that she said, "I'll just qualify for a better one." She has a Cancer Coach who has survived Pancreatic Cancer for the last 26 years, and her husband Brad says he is not leaving his "Wing Man", like in "Top Gun."
 - b. The family of Bubba Harrison (his wife, Cynthia, sisters, JoAnn & Bobbie and his children).
 - c. Lindsey Henderson whose uncle, Lloyd Mears died January 23rd; Lloyd was her father's brother. Lindsey's father died January 24, 2024.
 - d. Cheryl Coker whose uncle Samuel H. (Pug) Buttrill died January 29, 2025.
 - e. The Need for Unity in Our Country
 - f. Our New 12 Commitments for Christ
7. If anyone has a prayer request/need, you can fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate or email us at 1stprestifton@gmail.com.
8. The sign-up sheet for flowers is in the narthex.



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OUR MISSION: TO SHARE HOW JESUS AND HIS LOVE ARE REAL
THROUGH ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

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