

January 21, 2024
Third Sunday of Epiphany



Fishing Boats by Irma Stern

To join worship this morning via zoom app, click this link:

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(if you are asked for a password, it is: 890967). **To dial in by phone** call 1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter **839 2872 7469#**. Next, you will be prompted to enter your participant ID or to push #; **simply push # again.**

Music will be displayed on the screen during the service.

Prelude

Introit: “The Magi Who to Bethlehem Did Go” trad. Puerto Rican carol

Welcome

Gathering Words: “the calling of the disciples” by Lucille Clifton

Prayer of Confession and Renewal

Hymn 173: “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

Scripture: Psalm 62:5–12; Mark 1:14–20

Time with Children

Sermon:

Chant: “See I Am Near” Taizé

Healing Prayer

If you wish to receive the healing prayer, place your hands on your heart.

Prayers of the People

Please share your prayer requests in the chat and we will pray with you.

Lord’s Prayer

A commonly used form is printed below. You are welcome to use the version most meaningful to you.

Our God, 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 for ever. Amen.

Offering

We invite your financial gifts to support our ministries within and beyond First Church. January’s Special Offering is given to ISAIAH. You can give electronically at our website: www.firstchurchmn.org; click on the “Support Us” link. You can also give by texting 612-255-4109: “\$(amount) Special” (for the monthly offering) or “\$(amount) General Fund. If you give by check, please make it out to First Church with “ISAIAH” in the memo line.

Offertory: “Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day” trad. English carol; arr. Howard Helvey

Offertory Response: “Take, O Take Me as I Am” by John L. Bell

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn: “Will You Come and Follow Me” by John Bell

Benediction

Choral Benediction: “You Walk along Our Shoreline” trad. Irish melody

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Bill Lindberg

Usher: Marilyn Burns

Reader: Darrick Niccum

Tech Support: Greg Hubinger, Hikaru Peterson

Coffee Hour: Community Kitchen

Coming up this week

Sunday, Jan. 21

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee Hour

11:30a: Listening Session (hybrid)

11:30a: Hospitality & Engagement team (hybrid)

Monday, Jan. 22

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Tuesday, Jan. 23

1p: Building Committee

Wednesday, Jan. 24

7p: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Jan. 25

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Sunday, Jan. 28

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee Hour
11:30a: Family Gathering

Hospitality & Engagement Team. Interested in joining the conversation about how we connect with each other and the broader community? Come to our meeting today at 11:30a. Bring your ideas or pitch in on exciting conversations already underway, including the Doors Open Event, a community storytelling slam, and telling our story more deeply via internal building signage and displays and social media/website presence.

Board Listening Sessions. The First Church Board invites the congregation into dialogue about the war in Gaza as well as questions about how we approach taking public stances as a congregation. Listening sessions are today at 11:30a; Monday Jan. 29, 1p; Thursday Feb. 1, 7p (Zoom only); and Sunday Feb. 4, 11:30a. Please sign up for one of these sessions in the back of the Sanctuary or email the office: office@firstchurchmn.org.

Mardi Gras Mini Golf will be Friday Feb 2, 5:30–8p. Come play our 9-hole mini-golf course (that runs through the Gathering Hall and the Sanctuary), and enjoy fresh homemade donuts, tacos, and live music by *The Roasters* band, featuring friends from University Lutheran Church of Hope. A free will offering supports youth trips to Guatemala. If you are able to help with set up, food preparation or cleanup, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or by emailing the office.

Lenten small groups. During Lent this year (which begins mid-February) we will again offer the opportunity to gather in small groups to learn, grow and build community. There will be three groups: “Sitting with our First Church Ancestors”; “The Conflict in Gaza”; and “Stories of Belovedness.” More details and sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary.

Join us for Night Songs on Friday Feb. 9 at 7:30p at University Lutheran Church of Hope (601 13th Ave. SE). This event includes music, poetry, and stunning projections of the night sky, and features area choirs (including our First Church Choir).

New Member Sunday. We look forward to receiving new members of First Church on February 11! Please let Jane know if you are interested in joining our congregation.

Anishinabe Academy Supplies Needed. Anishinabe Academy, our First Church partner school in south Minneapolis, has asked if in the next few weeks we might be able to donate some items for their High 5 (pre-kindergarten) classrooms: snow pants for ages 5 years and up; metal pots

and pans; muffin tins; Bundt pans; bread pans; metal serving and mixing spoons; metal strainers; metal whisks; empty kitty litter tubs or other strong buckets. Please bring all items to church as soon as you are able, and leave in the large box underneath the coat rack in the Gathering Hall. Contact Zib Hinz if you have questions—and thanks!