

First Presbyterian Church

*Polson and Dayton
Flathead Lake Parish*

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**To be the
Heart and
Hands
of
Jesus
Christ**

JANUARY 3, 2021

✚ Stand if you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
We RENEW Our Faith in Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us gather to express our love and gratitude to God.

All: Oh God, You have blessed us. Hear our worship of thanksgiving.

One: Let us center our learning on Jesus who was God with us.

All: Oh Lord, You are Emmanuel, God with us, help us learn from You.

One: Let us prepare ourselves to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

All: As You became one of us, O Lord, prepare and empower us to be your presence, your body in this world.

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE #138 (Blue) "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

PREPARING FOR PRAYER

Romans 12:1,2

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Almighty God, throughout the ages You have desired your people to worship You. You called us to worship during intimate walks in your garden; You called us to worship using formal liturgies within your temple; You called us to worship using new songs of praise and traditional hymns from previous generations; You called us to worship by leaving the bondage of our past and by walking with You into your future; You called us to worship You as the Creator of the universe as well as a friend who is closer than a brother. Thank You for the many times, places, and ways in which we can worship You.

O Lord our God, the 'cares of this world with its many deceits' pulls our hearts away from You. We limit our time with You to when and where it is convenient; We forget that the scriptures teach it is in You that 'we live and move and have our being;' We forget that wherever we go and whatever we do, You are there; We forget that our very lives 'are living sacrifices,' and our deeds are 'spiritual acts of worship.' Forgive us our shortcomings, O Lord. Help us affirm with the scripture of old that "whatever we do, in word or deed, we do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through him." In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ **SONG OF RESPONSE #2036 (Little Blue) "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"**

LIFE TOGETHER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

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

We GROW Our Faith Through the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

[OT p.690]

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:10-18

[NT p.86]

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON TITLE

"Our Life of Thanksgiving"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
COMMUNION PRAYER

We LIVE Our Faith Through Serving

✠ **CLOSING HYMN #555 (Blue) "Now Thank We All Our God"**

✠ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE