



ST. FRANCIS
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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

February 2, 2014 – 10:00 AM

The Presentation of Christ

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (↑ indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

Call to Worship

↑Gathering Song #1: Love the Lord

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength;
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength; Love the Lord, your God, with all
your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; I will serve the
Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; With all my heart, with all my
soul, with all my mind, with all my strength; I will serve the Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my
mind, and with all my strength.

I will love you; (*I will love you*) I will praise you; (*I will praise you*) I will serve you; (*I will serve you*) I will trust
You, Lord. (*I will trust You*)

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength; With all my heart, with all my soul, with
all my mind, with all my strength; I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and
with all my strength; I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my
strength. I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength.

Priest: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

↑Gathering Song #2: Draw Me Close

Draw me close to You, Never let me go. I lay it all down again. To hear You say that I'm Your friend. You are
my desire, no one else will do; cause nothing else could take Your place. To feel the warmth of Your embrace,
Help me find the way, bring me back to You.

You're all I want. You're all I've ever needed, You're all I want. Help me know You are near.

↑All: Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated) **A Reading from Hebrews**

(2:14-18)

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑Gradual Song: Agnus Dei

Alleluia, Alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, Alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, Holy, Holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb.

You are Holy. Holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb. Amen. *(repeat)*

↑The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

(2:22-40)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Message (please be seated)

↑**Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

↑ Prayers of the People

Leader: Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That we may seek Christ in the scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, which Christ will judge, to the mercy and protection of God.

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That The Rumble Seat, would become a place where many people become customers who build rich relationships around meals, let us pray to The Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the congregations and clergy of St. Mary's, Arlington; St. John's, Tappahannock; and St. Asaph's, Bowling Green would minister to an expanding circle of people in their communities, let us pray to The Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That You would add to the fellowship of St. Francis one who is called and equipped to minister with households with children, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

↑Exchange of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

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.

↑Eucharistic Prayer from A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989 (adapted)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift your hearts to heaven.

People: Where Christ in glory reigns.

Priest: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Priest: It is the joy of our salvation God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

All (Sung): Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You; Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory; Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy I want to see You (2x)

Priest: Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: "Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me." Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us:

People: God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

People: Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first. Praise, glory and love be yours this and every day from us and all people here and everywhere. Amen.

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: Revelation Song

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain, Holy, Holy, is He, Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat [Repeat 2x]

(Chorus) Holy, Holy, Holy, Is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come, With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, And I will adore You...! Yeah!

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder, Blessing and honor, strength and Glory and power be To You the Only Wise King, Yeah *(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder, At the mention of Your Name, Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water, Such a marvelous mystery, Yeah... *(Chorus)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come, With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, And – I - will - adore YOU... *(Chorus)*

Come up lift up His Name, To the King of Kings... We will adore YOU Lord... King of heaven and earth, King Jesus, King Jesus, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Majesty, awestruck Honor, And Power and Strength and Dominion, To You Lord, To the King, to King, To the King of Glory

↑Post-Communion Prayer (All): Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

↑Blessing

↑Song of Dismissal: Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord, God Almighty. Worthy to receive glory, Worthy to receive honor, Worthy to receive, all our praise today. (Repeat)

(Chorus) Praise him, praise him and lift him up; Praise him, exalt his name forever. Praise him, praise him and lift him up; Praise him, exalt his name forever.

Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord, God Almighty. Worthy to receive glory, Worthy to receive honor, Worthy to receive, all our praise today.

(Chorus) Praise him, praise him and lift him up; Praise him, exalt his name forever. Praise him, praise him and lift him up; Praise him, exalt his name forever.

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

David
Christian Families in Pakistan
Anna Hawk
Michael Saady
Jane, Brian, and Andrew Hahn
Jill
Sam

Helen
Simon Bauers
Michelle Lambert
Sonny B.
Kathy S.
Clay
Jean

Arielle Niemeyer
Ernie Leasure
Amanda
Chris Keller
Allie W.
John Madden
Nancy & Jackie

Make yourself comfortable!

Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with the people of St. Francis Church.

There is no "one right way" to participate. Join in as much as you want.

If you wish to sing, all our music is included in the bulletin. We have a lively contemporary band and music is a significant part of our worship experience. However, we recognize that visitors may not know the music. If you and your family are among these, we encourage you to hum along or simply sit back and enjoy the sound.

Filling out a name tag and placing it on your person will permit us all to greet each other by name while visiting here at St. Francis. Likewise, signing our guest roster will permit us to follow-up with you following this Sunday's worship.

If you are a guest today, don't feel obligated to make a financial contribution to the offering.

Rest rooms are located in the entrance Narthex and in the mobile office/classroom building adjacent to the worship hall.

"We are a welcoming community seeking to share God's unconditional love with all."

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin
Other Members: Peter LeViness
Richard Walker

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford
Larry Kidd

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalciers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalciers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
2-Feb	Richard Walker	Kathy Gammon	Richard Walker, Kathy Gammon	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, February 2	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, February 9	Communion Service/Congregational Meeting followed by Pot Luck Lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 12	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.

Financial Update - If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

2013	Operating Funds		Net Gain or (Loss)
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
2013 Year-To-Date	\$87,743.00	\$87,454.25	\$288.75
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2013	\$32,627.98	\$32,916.73	\$288.75
2014			
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
January	\$2,939.00	\$7,093.86	(\$4,154.86)
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
March	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
1st Quarter	\$2,939.00	\$7,093.86	(\$4,154.86)
2014 Year-To-Date	\$2,939.00	\$7,093.86	(\$4,154.86)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2014	\$32,916.73	\$28,761.87	(\$4,154.86)

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