



Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 2016 8:30 A.M.

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

(Please silence cell phones and other electronics in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

Ave Maria

Colton Martin
arr. by Franz Liszt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bailey Pruner

In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

In the colors of the rainbow, we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.

In the days of Moses, the words of God were written on tablets of stone, as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.

In the tablets of stone, we see the sign of God's hope for each of us to live in peace with God and neighbor.

In the days of the prophet, God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

As members of the living Body of Christ, we see the sign of God's promise among us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 136

GO TELL IT

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Joel Wood

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, from generation to generation you have spoken to your people, calling on women and men to carry your story, to preach your gospel, and to share your light. Lord, you have called to us today, but how have we responded? We have become deaf to your call, blind to your work in this world, and mute when your Spirit stirs within us to speak. Covenant-keeping God, we pray that you will never cease in your efforts to reach your people. Help us to listen to your voice, to see your goodness, and to reflect your Word in all that we do. Amen.

(Time for our personal prayers of confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

"'Even now,' declares the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments.'"

We return to the LORD our God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents over disaster.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 581

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glory Be to the Father

*GREETING

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

ANTHEM

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Adult Bell Choir
Gustav Holst

(Children from age four to second grade are dismissed to Junior Church.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 23:1-9 (pp. 356-357)

SERMON

"Filling the Dumpster"
Sermon Series: Back on Track

Bailey Pruner

*CHORUS OF PRAISE NO. 434

Restore in Us, O God

BAYLOR

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR PRAYERS

THE WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Bailey Pruner

UPDATE ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Sue Wert

OFFERTORY

Jesu, meine Freude (BWV 610)

Colton Martin
J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 606)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kevin Vollrath

WE GO OUT WITH GOD'S COMFORT

*SENDING HYMN NO. 703

Jesus, Thy boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

*BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

With One Voice Choir
Peter Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Te Deum laudamus (BuxWV 218)

Colton Martin
Dietrich Buxtehude

**Those who are able, please stand.*

MEET KING JOSIAH

King Josiah was Judah’s last gasp — the last good thing that happened to the Israelites before their kingdom was destroyed. Josiah became king as a child of only eight, and soon took an interest in the LORD, contrary to his father, King Amon. Early in life he instituted reforms and took steps against idol worship. At 25 years of age, Josiah decided to rebuild the LORD’s temple, deteriorated with age. As the workers were cleaning, they found an obscure book that no one had ever heard of — the Bible, forgotten by previous generations. As the king listened to his secretary read the Bible, he was struck with grief and terror, certain the LORD was furious with Josiah and his people for their disobedience. Josiah immediately set upon a sweeping program to eliminate pagan worship and to renew the ancient covenant of the LORD. He toured the land, destroying pagan shrines, and celebrated the Passover for the first time in decades. The revival was wonderful. But as soon as Josiah died, the people returned to their evil ways, and before his sons reached middle age, the LORD’s judgment for centuries of evil practices came, and Judah was no more.

Where to read Josiah’s story: 2 Kings 22:1-23:30; 2 Chronicles 34:1-35:27

Disciples: All Members of the Congregation

Teaching Elder/Pastor (<i>Sabbath: Monday</i>).....	Stuart H. Spencer
Teaching Elder/Associate Pastor (<i>Sabbath: Friday</i>)	Bailey Pruner
Director of Christian Education for Children and Youth	Patty Gatto
Communications and Administration.....	Cynthia Tuleja
Church Accountant.....	Linda Landis
Organist/Accompanist.....	Colton Martin
Choir Director.....	Patricia Murphy
Contemporary Worship Music Leader.....	Grant Farmer
Seminary Interns.....	Kevin Vollrath and Joel Wood
Sexton	George Salt
Business Administrator (Volunteer).....	Sue Schaub