

The mosaic of Jonah being swallowed by a fish was found in the excavation of a synagogue in Huqoq, in the region of Galilee in Israel. It dates from the 5<sup>th</sup> century C.E.



*Jonah and the Fish*

For Young Worshipers:  
The fish is about to swallow Jonah. Jonah's shield won't save him. Only God can do that!

## *Service for the Lord's Day*

**February 10, 2019**

**The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

### *Gathering Around the Word*

**Gathering Music**

**Striking of the Hour**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Pieces in Free Style  
Lied (Song)*

Louis Vierne

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

**Call to Worship**

from Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my distress.

**We wait for God to act out of steadfast love.**

The Lord will redeem us from every sin.

**We call on you, for you will answer.**

**Opening Hymn 791**

*For You, My God, I Wait*

SPRINGTIME

**Call to Confession**

Psalm 130 invites us to pray when we are in distress.

We share in sorrow for sin and in the hope of God's forgiveness, which is like being held in God's strong arms.

### **Prayer of Adoration and Confession** *(Responsive)*

**Lord, even when the depths of our despair come at our own making, they are depths nonetheless. Our cry to you for rescue is no less sincere when we are at fault than when we are not. So hear us, when we cry.**

**You alone know how far we have wandered from the right ways, how far we have fallen, how lost and confused we have become.**

**Now, by your loving mercy, restore us to light out of the darkness of our mistakes.**

**Lift us from the depths, and let us live again for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ.**

*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

### **Response Hymn 551**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

LAND OF REST

*Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on us.*

### **Declaration of Good News**

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

### ***Hearing the Word***

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Psalter Reading** *(Responsive)*

Psalm 130

I cry out to you from the depths, LORD— **my Lord, listen to my voice! Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!**

If you kept track of sins, LORD— **my Lord, who would stand a chance? But forgiveness is with you— that's why you are honored.**

I hope, LORD. **My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise.**

My whole being waits for my Lord— more than the night watch waits for morning;

**Yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!**

Israel, wait for the LORD! **Because faithful love is with the LORD; because great redemption is with our God!**

He is the one who will redeem Israel from all its sin.

### **Anthem**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

arr. R. Mauldin

### **Reading from the First Testament**

Jonah 2:1-12

Then Jonah prayed to his God from the belly of the fish.

He prayed: "In trouble, deep trouble, I prayed to GOD. He answered me.

From the belly of the grave I cried, 'Help!'

You heard my cry.

You threw me into ocean's depths, into a watery grave, with ocean waves, ocean breakers crashing over me. I said, 'I've been thrown away, thrown out, out of your sight.

I'll never again lay eyes on your Holy Temple.'

Ocean gripped me by the throat. The ancient Abyss grabbed me and held tight.

My head was all tangled in seaweed at the bottom of the sea where the mountains take root.

I was as far down as a body can go, and the gates were slamming shut behind me forever—

Yet you pulled me up from that grave alive, O GOD, my God!

When my life was slipping away, I remembered GOD, And my prayer got through to you, made it all the way to your Holy Temple.

Those who worship hollow gods, god-frauds, walk away from their only true love.

But I'm worshipping you, GOD, calling out in thanksgiving!

And I'll do what I promised I'd do!

Then GOD spoke to the fish, and it vomited up Jonah on the seashore.

Psalm 130 is an expression of deep trust and fervent prayer. It is a model for our use, when we face troubling experiences.

This account of the prophet Jonah's prayer from the depths is from the Message translation.

*All Sit*  
**Sermon**

Fourth in a Series on Prayer  
*Prayer from the Depths*

Matthew Covington

***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*  
**Response Hymn 22**

*God of the Sparrow*

ROEDER

**Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*All Sit*  
**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**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 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, forever. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*

arr. Frank Pesci

*All Stand*  
**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**

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

**Closing Hymn 547**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

AR HYDY NOS

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Gather Us In*

John Behnke

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## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

*We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.*

*If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children's center for children 3 and under on Sundays, and children's activity packets are available in the narthex.*

## ***The Presbyterian Church Staff***

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### **Donate Online:**

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<https://bgpresdonate.cloverdonations.com/online-donations/>



**Our church Elders:** Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison. **Our church Deacons:** : Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Roysse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie

## Announcements

**USHERS:** The Thomison and Polen families  
**LAY READER:** Wayne Hendrix  
**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Barbara Solberg-Hale and Matt Hunt  
**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins  
**LIBRARIAN:** Arnie Petrus, [arfranpe@msn.com](mailto:arfranpe@msn.com)  
**CHILDREN'S MUSIC:** Ellie Osborne

**LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, February 17:** Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26.

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK** this week will be Jean Harris and Sally Calkins. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

### **TODAY:**

**PLEASE JOIN US TODAY** following worship for a reception to welcome our newest members! Refreshments will be served on the landing. Come to meet the newest members of our congregation.

**TODAY: THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S VALENTINE TEA!** Presbyterian Women will host a Valentine Tea from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the home of Ann Covington (1412 Sherwood Dr.). This is a church-wide gathering for women of all ages. Please consider bringing canned food or a monetary donation for our food pantry.

**WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING?** Our Preschool Class is learning about how families remember God through Deuteronomy 6:4-6. Our Godly Play group heard the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:18-23. Older elementary explored Jesus' call to follow in Luke 5:1-11. Please read the stories with your children at home and talk about what they learned. **YOUTH** are continuing to explore what the church means and how they are an important part.

**LESLEE KIRKCONNELL** has been on study leave and time visiting a friend and will return to the office this coming Thursday. Great ideas to come!

**PRESBYTERIAN QUESTIONS PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS** is the book the Christian Thought Class will be studying over the next months. Copies of the book are available for \$10 in class on Sundays. Even if you can't attend class (Dr. Glenn Kirkconnell will be leading), this is an excellent reference for any Presbyterian.

### **COMING UP:**

**A ROUND TABLE PULPIT** continues on Monday evenings, 7:00pm in the Conference Room. Come read and study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday - enhance your biblical knowledge and possibly help shape the sermon. The Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington leads.

**OUR NEXT SATURDAY MEALS DATE** is this coming Saturday, February 16. Volunteers are needed to come at 6:30am that morning and prepare the meals, and as always - **DRIVERS** to deliver, starting around 8:30am. Please email Debbie Trickey ([dtrickey\\_123@yahoo.com](mailto:dtrickey_123@yahoo.com)) to sign up or find out how you can help.

**TIM BRUMFIELD IN PIPES, PIANO, PRAISE!** As part of our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - 3:00pm on Sunday, February 17. (Free!) In our very own sanctuary... Renowned Paul Winter Consort organist/pianist **Tim Brumfield**. Tim is considered one of the world's finest organ improvisers, tours regularly as a solo organist and pianist, and is often asked to lecture on the art of improvisation including improvising favorite hymns upon request. Funded by the gracious gift left in memory of Peggy Pack, this concert is free and open to the public. Come and bring a guest or two!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTREAT REGISTRATION** is due! All who will be in 6th - 9th grade next fall are eligible. This is a Montreat Youth Conference held at Maryville College. Worship, Bible study, play, fellowship. Contact Leslee Kirkconnell with questions.

## Calendar

### **Sunday, February 10**

8:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:00 a.m. Children's Music  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Circle  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. New Member Reception  
2:00 p.m. PW Valentine Tea  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

### **Monday, February 11**

11:30 a.m. Circle 9  
7:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

### **Tuesday, February 12**

11:00 a.m. Special Care  
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle  
7:00 p.m. Camera Club

### **Wednesday, February 13**

9:15 a.m. Wed. Morning Circle  
10:00 a.m. Circle 6  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, February 14**

6:00 p.m. Room In The Inn

### **Saturday, February 16**

Saturday Meals

**CIRCLES** CIRCLE 9 will meet on Monday, February 11th at 11:30am. The TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The WEDNESDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, February 13th at 9:30am at Annette Parkerson's house (1016 Cumberland Ridge Way). CIRCLE 6 will meet on Wednesday, February 13th at 10:00am at the home of Peggy Truman (2945 Smallhouse Rd., #609).

**HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH MINISTRY!** On Saturday March 9, from 9-1, we will have a special workshop with the Center for Youth Ministry Training to vision for the future of our youth ministry. Anyone in our congregation with a heart for our youth is welcome to attend. We must know you are coming, for planning purposes, and because there is work to complete ahead of the event! Contact David Clarke or Leslee Kirkconnell for details.

**COMING IN MARCH:** Monday Morning Class with Dr. Bob Haynes talking about the history of our church. This is part of our Anniversary Year Celebration. Details are in the works, so stay tuned!

**OTHER NEWS:**

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** Thank you for your kind donations and attendance at our Souper Bowl fundraiser. We raised \$700 dollars to help with the great work of our food pantry ministry.

**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP WITH THE PRESBYTERY** will be to Challenge to Change, held at Cedarkirk Camp in Lithia, FL (SE of Tampa). All who will be rising 9th-graduating seniors are eligible. Deposits are due soon (\$150) to Leslee Kirkconnell. Forms are available on our website.

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is running low on many items. We need dry beans, white rice, peanut butter, soup, canned fruit/vegetables (please try to get easy open cans whenever possible, NO green beans), individual snack items. Donations may be left in the drawers under the stairs marked 'Food Pantry.'

**LET'S CELEBRATE KINDNESS!** Write your kind act on a piece of paper and drop it in one of the red baskets (College Street entrance, 10th Street entrance and on the landing by the elevator). For example 21 people assisted with the "extra" RITI night this week. These can be anonymous submissions, acts completed at your workplace, donations to causes, or just simply a smile given to someone in need. Let's see how quickly we reach 200!

**200<sup>TH</sup> DINNER AND ADDRESSES** On Palm Sunday afternoon, April 14th our church will host a dinner to celebrate our 200th anniversary. We would like to send invitations to out of town guests. Do you know the addresses of those friends that have moved away that we should invite? Please call the church office and provide Cheryl with needed information. You can also speak to one of the committee members developing the lists: Ann Rudolph Humphrey, Sally Calkins, Karol Kirby Ahmed, Julia Roberts, and Susan Thomison.



*We express our sympathy to Alan and Sheila Reeves and the Reeves family for the death of Alan's father Lester (Les) Reeves, who died on February 3, 2019.*