

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever...

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Thank you, Jesus, for redeeming us. May we continually reflect your grace in all that we say and do. Use our words and actions to bring life, joy, and encouragement to others. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Bert Lowe

*INTROIT #69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (v.1)

Schutte, 1981

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening!

*HYMN #69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (v.2&3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive, let us confess our sin before God and before one another, first silently, then with the Unison Prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. In Jesus' name you are forgiven. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

John 1:43-51

Bibles, p.87/LG. p.112

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Scott, 1895

SECOND SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Bibles, p.236/LG. p.306

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"It Can Be Lonely"

Rev. Jack Albright

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of mankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to men, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. 9.22 The new life takes shape in a community in which men know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no man has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. This, we believe. –The Confessions of 1967 9.21

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #722 *“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (v.1-4)* Havergal, 1872

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #722 *“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (v.5)*

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

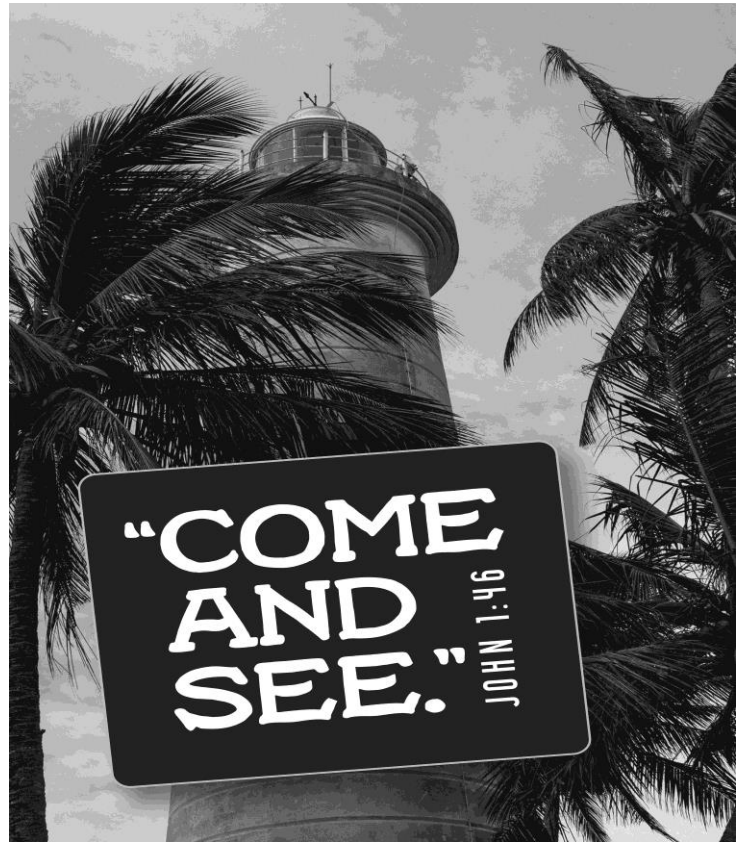
Flowers on the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Dorothy Maloney.

Rev. Jack Albright is a native of Marshall, Texas, and a graduate of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, and of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He is a retired Methodist minister, having served congregations in Longview, Carthage, Jacksonville, and Houston. He and his wife, Dana, live in Jacksonville, where he has served as pulpit supply for First Presbyterian Church for a long period. He has adjusted from “trespasses” to “debts” pretty well. The Albrights have 2 children, 4 grandchildren, all of whom live in the San Antonio area. We welcome you, Rev. Albright!

This week’s prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Jan Mims, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 01/15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
Thur. 01/18	Session Meeting	6:30pm
Mon. 01/22	Pipeline Deadline	



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