



The appointed
time has grown short...
the present form of

this
WORLD
is passing away.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31, NRSV

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*The Service for the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2018*

Boldface type indicates a spoken response.
The asterisk (*) is an invitation to stand if able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Vincent Newton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. *Psalm 62:5-8, 11-12a NLT*

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.

My victory and honor come from God alone.

He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.

O my people, trust in him at all times.

Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.

Don't make your living by extortion or put your hope in stealing.

And if your wealth increases, don't make it the center of your life.

God has spoken plainly, and I have heard it many times:

Power, O God, belongs to you; unfailing love, O Lord, is yours.

*OPENING HYMN #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting in the promise of grace,
let us pour out our hearts before God.

Ps. 62:8

**Forgiving God,
we repent of all the ways we turn from you.**

Jonah 3:1-2, 10

**You call, but we do not listen;
you show us your path, but we prefer our own way.**

**Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you,
that we might show mercy to others.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

This is the word of the Lord:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by God and given new life.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** #814 *In God Alone*

***SHARING OUR GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST**

***HYMN** #438 *Rock of Ages*

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Greg Boughton

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Vincent Newton

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jonah 3:1-5, 10

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14-20

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE ***Passing Forms, Faithful Attachment*** Pastor Jim Rausch

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Listen God Is Calling* Chancel Choir

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #605 *Praise to God the Father*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose.
We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you,
that you will make us fishers of people. Amen.**

Mark 1:17

*CLOSING HYMN #301 *Let Us Build a House*

*GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO

*POSTLUDE

Vincent Newton

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Jacob Rausch, Lay Liturgist; Don & Pam Correll, Barb Reckell, Jeanette Reckell, Ushers; Larry DeVoogd, Dave & Jacque Swenson, Greeters; Mike & Pam Foster, Hospitality; Don Correll & Vic Prowant, Offering Counters

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome Guests! We're so glad you joined our church family in worship today. Please join us following the worship service in the chapel for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of First Presbyterian Church, Muskegon, Michigan is called for Sunday, January 28th, immediately following worship in order to: (1) hear annual reports of the congregation, (2) to hear and act on matters related to the corporation, (3) and to act on any other matters properly coming before the congregation and corporation.

Join the youth on February 4th for the **Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon** following worship. A sign-up sheet is posted outside of the library if you would like to share a crock pot of your favorite soup! Donations will be accepted to help alleviate local hunger programs.

Join the Youth Group for the Card/Bakepalooza after church today!

Enjoy decorating cards and baking while learning a few baking tips from Mrs. Cheryl & Mrs. Bev.

Volunteers Needed! Mom's Workout Group meets every Tuesday 9:30-10:30 a.m. We are in need of volunteers to spend an hour with the children while the moms workout. If you have an hour to share with a few kiddos, please contact Arisha at yff@fpcmuskegon.org or 231-759-1275.

Souper Bowl Sunday Bake Sale! On Sunday, the 4th of February, the FPC Youth Group will host their traditional Souper Bowl Luncheon, following the church service. Both soup & bread will be offered, as well as beverages. Dessert items, however, will be available at the monthly Bread Sale table, sponsored by the Hunger Committee. Individual choices as well as somewhat larger quantities will be on hand, in addition to the ever popular caramel popcorn.

The **Men's Breakfast** at the Cherokee Restaurant will be held on Wednesday, January 24th at 8:00 am. Jon Mills will provide information on the various aspects of his job as a WZZM-13 television reporter.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday, January 21

8:30 am Joyful Ringers
9:15 am Choir Warm-up
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Hospitality
11:00 am Youth Card/Bakepalooza

Monday, January 22

9:30 am Gentle Yoga
7:00 pm Theology Matters

Tuesday, January 23

9:30 am Young Moms Group
6:00 pm Choir Practice
7:15 pm Gentle Yoga

Wednesday, January 24

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
1:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, January 25

1:00 pm O & C Council Meeting

Friday, January 26

9:30 pm Gentle Yoga

Saturday, January 27

10:00 am Girl Scouts
3:00 pm Youth- Winter Sports Complex

Sunday, January 28

8:30 am Joyful Ringers
9:15 am Choir Warm-up
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Annual Congregational Mtg.
11:30 am Hospitality
11:30 am YAC Time

Question for Reflection

Psalm 62 ends by saying, "God, you repay to all according to their work." Some of us may find that statement unsettling. Would you rather have God treat you with the payment you deserve or with the grace that you hope for in Jesus Christ?

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, no matter what I am facing today—mourning or gladness, buying or selling—help me to focus on you throughout it all. Then bring me home safely to you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, thank you for the assurance that I live forgiven and loved by you.

I need your grace and want to share your grace with others.

As I face this night, help me to pour out my heart to you and then rest in peace. Amen.