



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49417

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor
Rev. Scott Stanley, Parish Associate
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Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind.
"Pooh!" he whispered.
"Yes, Piglet?"
"Nothing," said Piglet, taking Pooh's
paw. "I just wanted to be sure of you."

A. A. Milne,
The House At Pooh Corner

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PRELUDE—*Come as You Are*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

INTROIT—*We are Praying in the Light of God*

Hymn #853

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce

We come to worship today to hear your good news, to hear of faith, hope, and love ringing out from your kingdom. We know that doubt, fear and hatred can shake even the strongest. Shape us into faithful hopeful people, fill us with your love that passes all understanding. We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE TOGETHER

OPENING SONG—*Reckless Love*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, you have shown us the way of love in Jesus Christ, yet we often do not live in his way. You say, "Love is patient," but we're in a hurry. You say, "Love is kind," but it feels good to belittle someone who has hurt us. You say, "Love is not envious or boastful or rude," yet we learn that these things get us attention. Forgive us, and help us learn your way of love - a love that bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things.

(time for silent confession)

RESPONSE—*Kyrie*

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Though our attempts at love are imperfect, God's faithful love never fails.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!**

RESPONSE—*Glori 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.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson—1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Second Lesson—1 John 2:15-28

SERMON

Reassurance of Love

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

RESPONSIVE HYMN—*Though I May Speak*

Hymn #693

PRAYERS FOR 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY—*O Come to the Altar*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKS

CLOSING HYMN—*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

Hymn #315

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—*Let There Be Peace*

POSTLUDE—*Thy Strong Word*

Aaron David Miller

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!



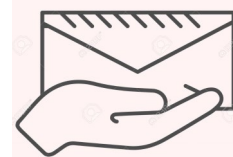
Our Church Family & Friends

In celebration: Congratulations to Hal Fitzgerald who welcomed his 10th grandchild, Nathan Xavier Raphael.

Our prayers of sympathy and support: To Edie Swart on the January 13th death of her brother, David Briegel.

Prayer requests: Mary Lou Bender, Betty Berg, Larry Braak, Anne Guimond, Stan Johnson, Jean Kocher, Frank Miller, Mary Jo Nass, Bev Purcell, Lisa Stoner, Sandy Teunis and families in our congregation who have tested positive for Covid-19 or who have loved ones who are struggling with Covid-19.

Your ongoing generosity with the church is appreciated! A drop box has been installed between the set of doors at the Clinton Street entrance where you can securely drop off your offering while maintaining "social distancing." You can also mail your offering: 508 Franklin Ave, GH 49417, give online using onrealm.org or text FPGH to 73256. We are working hard to keep the church strong, serving, and ready to relaunch as soon as we are able.



Thank you!



Mark your calendars for

Congregational Conversations

January 20th	January 21st
6:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.

Meetings will take place on Zoom

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 31, 2021

In the Clinton Street parking lot at 11:30 a.m.

January 27th at 6:00 p.m.

A Service of Prayers
for Healing from Iona.

Please join us for a time of worship on
the church Facebook page.

