Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Text: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of Creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth!
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Has thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the "Amen!" sound from His people again,
gladly for aye we adore Him!
Amen.

Hymn: How Firm a Foundation Text: Rippon's A Selection of Hymns (1787)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said,

To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow. For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee, thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply. The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no never forsake! Amen.

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WAUWATOSA

Our Covenant

As followers of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to share in the worship and service of God, to grow in the knowledge and expression of our faith, to reach out with compassion to those in need, to treat each other with love and understanding, and to return to God a portion of God's gifts.

WORSHIP IN THE NAVE January 9, 2022~10am / Baptism of the Lord

Please silence your cell phones.

If you are a guest today, we would love to meet and greet you.

Join us for the Coffee Fellowship in the Lounge immediately following the service.

PRELUDE Partita on *How Firm a Foundation* arr. by Hal H. Hopson

WELCOME Dr. Gerry B. Krupp

Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Iim Harris

Leader: A new day has dawned, God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

People: Be still and know that God is here. Let His spirit in.

Leader: Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways, today in worship,

and every day in the world.

People: Let us worship God together.

HYMN #7 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(all verses) FCC Choir

LOBE DEN HERREN

(No applause, please.)

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION A (read in unison)

Almighty God, Eternal Father, as we come together as your people to worship, grant that we may love You with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength. Grant also that we may love our neighbors as Your Son loved us. We pray that we might be strengthened to live the kind of life our Master lived, a life of service and sacrifice. It is in his name we pray. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S STORY

Tonia Wallner

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.

Children ages 3 - 5th grade are invited to Sunday School. Youth grades 6 through 12 are invited to Pilgrim Fellowship in Youth Room 302.

THE LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Bible, page 935

ANTHEM Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah arr. by Mark Hayes
Katelyn Peterson directs the FCC Choir

THE MESSAGE "Day God Identified with Humanity" Dr. Krupp

ANTHEM Keeper of the Song by Joseph M. Martin

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

OFFERTORY I Will Arise and Go to Jesus arr. by Heather Sorenson

DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

HYMN #248 How Firm a Foundation FCC Choir

(No applause, please.)

FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Lobe Den Herren setting by Philip Moore

CARE FOR CHILDREN

A nursery for infants and toddlers is available during the 10:00 AM service.

A note of gratitude to the First Church Family for its generous support of organizations that serve individuals and families in need locally and overseas during the holidays.

Caring Corner*

As of January 6, 2021

Born to Eternal Life

Jim Petrie passed way December 31, 2021, after a brief but intense battle with COVID. *Services are pending.*

Georgia Buchta passed away December 22, 2021. Services are planned for the Spring.

In Our Prayers

Sandra Griffith, mother of John Griffith, as she recovers from surgery.