**First Presbyterian Church Tucumcari**

**Worship 11:00AM**

**Sunday, February 10, 2019, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Call to Worship (Please see bulletin)**

Praise be to God the Creator, **who breathes life into being.**  
Praise be to God the Redeemer, **who saves us from ourselves.**  
Praise be to God the Sustainer, **who binds us together as one body.**  
Come, children of the Triune God, come worship our wonderful Maker.

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy Spirit, blow your presence through this place.

We praise you in the company of the saints above and beside us

For all that they have done in your service

For all that we are trying to do in your service.

For those whom you shall send in your service after us.

Strengthen this house of faith,

That nothing shall ever stand between us and you

And your mission never be interrupted.

Through Christ, the only Son of God we pray,

Amen.

**Call to Confession**With humility and honesty, let us confess our sins to our God  
who is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

**Confession (Please see bulletin)  
Abundant God, so much of our harmful behavior is rooted in our envy.  
You have given us our manna – our daily bread – but we want more.  
We have allowed ourselves to be seduced by commercialism,  
telling ourselves that we are not complete until we have the nicest things.  
Forgive us when our actions convey that you are not enough for us.  
Help us to live our lives simply and faithfully,  
trusting in your steadfast love to provide all that we need. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, our salvation is not something that can be purchased with money or fame.  
Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone.  
I announce to you this day, our sins are forgiven.  
Friends, Believe the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Psalm 138 (Please see bulletin)**

**Prayers of the People**

With our whole hearts, we praise you, Lord.  
We lift up our alleluias as people who gather to sing and proclaim,  
As people who gather to confess and to remember Your redeeming work  
As people who gather read and tell of your mighty works,  
of your faithfulness and  
of your grace.

All glory belongs to you, God.  
You are gracious and compassionate.  
You provide for us all that we need,  
Remembering your promise to hear when we call,  
To answer when we knock, and  
To reveal yourself when we seek you.

You have revealed your power to us in so many ways:  
You heal the sick  
You calm the frightened  
You bring peace to the grieving  
You change the course of our lives

We ask that you reveal you power again today for those on our hearts and minds….

We lift these names to you. To you they are much more than names-  
They are your precious children  
They are parents, sisters, brothers, children, bosses, employees, aunts, uncles…  
They are yours. You know every detail of their lives, far better than we do.  
You know their needs.

Send your Spirit that we might see the world as you do,  
Fill us with your compassion

Send us to the brokenhearted, the discarded  
and those who are hungry for the transformation only you can bring.

While our hearts cry Come Lord Jesus,  
let our hands reveal your presence in the world we inhabit.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying  
Our Father, who art in heaven….

**Time Out for Teaching: The Presbyterian Women Mission**

**Prayer for Illumination**

God our Parent,  
your voice claims us as your people  
and calls us into new relationships  
with ourselves and others.  
By your Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice speaking to us  
through these words of scripture,  
and prepare us for your service,  
in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

1In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." 4The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

6Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." 8Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

1Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-unless you have come to believe in vain.

3For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them-though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**Gospel Luke 5:1-11**

1Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**Sermon: The Unsinkable Church**

Everyone has doubts about themselves. Isaiah the prophet had doubts. When Israel was in Exile, God called to him, but he believed he wasn’t worthy, crying out grievously, “Who am I, but a man of unclean lips?” Simon Peter, Jesus’ Right-Hand Man, had his own doubts. "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" Paul the Apostle, also expresses his unworthiness: “Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.  For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.” For we know from the book of Acts that Paul was one of those who persecuted Christians, who was there at the stoning of Stephen, holding the cloaks of Stephen’s killers. This powerful confession of sin was meant to portray the power of God to change and use us.

Who knew that one day Paul would one day become one of those very apostles he persecuted? He was a part of a group who tried to sink the church, kill Christians. Who knew that Paul would one day instead risk his life for Christ, and become one of the most influential evangelists to his time? No one, but God knew.

It seems like God uses the least likely people to play for His team.

Remember PE class when you were in school? The teacher would pick team captains and then the team captains would start choosing the kids they wanted on their teams. Who got picked first? The fastest, the biggest, the strongest, the most athletic, and often the most popular. The rest of us would sit there feeling puny and unimportant. We are taught to seek the best and the brightest to be on our teams. But when it comes to being on Jesus’ team, we are trying so hard to impress, we can forget that all God wants is us. We’re not worthy to do His work. But then, like Isaiah, Peter and Paul, that’s ***why*** God picks us to be on Team Jesus, because our lives reveal God’s grace. A people of grace who remember we don’t deserve the love God has for us.

The disciples feared they were too sinful to do what Jesus wanted from them, even when their boats began to sink under the weight of all that fish! That’s when Peter exclaimed, “Go away, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” But Jesus lifts their hearts and declares that they will fish for people next! Maybe Jesus chose them just because He knew they would feel that way. Maybe it was so that the world would be amazed that God chooses people, in spite of their sinfulness. And that is grace. Using ordinary people of faith, sinful may we be, God brings life into the church.

Paul is talking about this very revelation. Persecutor of Christians, a Pharisee who would have rather died than follow Christ, became one of the most zealous Christian evangelists in history. This is grace at work, through a man who was once aiding and abetting murders, was moved to teach grace even to the Gentiles.

The powerful message of grace is spoken through some of the most unlikely of people and that’s just why it’s so powerful.

We are the “untimely born” whom God has decided to use.

The AA 12-Step Program is a good example of this grace at work. They teach that after you have gone through all the other steps of recovery, you live the rest of your life at Step Twelve, by helping other alcoholics. They teach: “Even the newest of newcomers finds undreamed rewards as he tries to help his brother alcoholic…And then he discovers that by the divine paradox of this kind of giving he has found his own reward... His own character may still be gravely defective, but he somehow knows that God has enabled him to make a mighty beginning, and he senses that he stands at the edge of new mysteries, joys, and experiences of which he had never even dreamed.” (Twelve Steps-Twelve Traditions)

We are sinners, but we too stand at the edge of new mysteries, joys and experiences in the light of God’s grace. You might think, my friends, that you are unworthy of God’s forgiveness or God’s work. But that’s why we are all here, to declare God’s power to forgive. That’s what makes us the unsinkable church. Amen.

**Ordination and Installation of Richard Randals (Elder) and Theresa Goldston (Deacon)**

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is one body and one spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling…**

*The moderator or minister presents the candidates, saying:*

In baptism, Richard and Theresa were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s particular call to our brothers and sisters.

**STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ’s own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as elders, and as ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ’s gift to the church, assuring that his work continues among us, providing for the good works of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of First Presbyterian Church Tucumcari now ordains and installs Richard Randals to office of Elder to active service and Theresa Goldston to office of Deacon to active service.

**REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Ordination calls the whole church to renewed commitment, and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of baptism. Let us, therefore, reafﬁrm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God’s rule and afﬁrming the faith of the holy catholic church.

**RENUNCIATIONS**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will, with God’s help.**

**PROFESSION**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was cruciﬁed, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*Water is poured visibly and audibly into the font or pool.*

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Constitutional Questions**

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you?

**I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

**I will.**

Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?

**I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**I do.**

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**I will.**

***To deacons:***

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

***To elders:***

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

To the Congregation:

Do you, the members of the church, accept these good people as your deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

**PRAYER OF ORDINATION**

Those who are to be ordained kneel, facing the congregation.

Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and elders stand behind the candidates.

Let us pray

Eternal God,

we give you thanks for your faithfulness to us.

In every age you have called leaders to serve you

and equipped them with your gifts.

In the Scriptures,

you anointed prophets, priests, and rulers,

pastors and teachers,

bishops, elders, and deacons

to build up your church.

They bore the burdens of your people,

ministering in the power of your Spirit.

They cared for all in need

and guarded the community’s peace.

Pour out your Holy spirit on Richard and Theresa,

that *they* may be faithful servants in the church.

Give *them* openness to the Holy Spirit’s leading

that *they* may see and serve wherever there is need.

Train *them* in the school of prayer that *they* may express the compassion of Christ.

Equip *them* with courage to bear the gospel into the halls of power,

and to communicate your presence and might among the powerless.

In everything, give them the mind of Christ.

Nourish *them* in the life of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,

that we may discern the gifts you have given,

calling them forth from one another,

and together use these gifts for the good of all.

Make us strong in Christ

to live as your people

and show forth your saving love in the world,

by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

Richard and Theresa, you are now elder and deacon

in the church of Jesus Christ

and for this congregation.

Be faithful and true in your ministry

so that your whole life will bear witness

to the crucified and risen Christ.

**WELCOME**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**And also with you.**

**CHARGE**

The newly ordained and installed elders and deacons remain standing.

*2 Tim. 2:15*

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him,

a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

**Friends in Christ, please welcome with me your freshly-installed leaders, the class of 2021!**

**Announcements**