



**Come and See  
January 15, 2023**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Montrose, CO

*We are people called together by Christ to celebrate God in worship, grow together through discipleship and bring others to Christ.*

January 15, 2023

9:30 a.m.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### STORIES OF GRACE-FILLED JESUS INTERACTIONS

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#### **Meditation**

John's Gospel lesson today is about "finding," and "seeing." Jesus found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him. . . . Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael, he told him how he had seen him under a fig tree. Soon, the time would come when Nathanael would see greater things. "You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." When Jesus finds us, our eyes are opened and we see things more clearly.  
—James G. Kirk, *When We Gather*

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#### **Prelude Music**

#### **Welcome and Invitation to Worship**

#### **The Sound of a Bell, a Moment of Silence**

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Call to Worship\***

(Spacious Faith)

Leader: Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

All: "[your name], follow me."

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\*Rise if you are able.

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Leader: A simple call. A hard call.

**All: Because following requires leaving.**

Leader: And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

**All: And we look around to see the life we know.**

Leader: It's hard to leave and walk away into a new adventure.

**All: But we have come this far, to this place, where we can listen and be transformed.**

### **Songs of Worship\***

*God is Able*

*Amazing Love (You are my King)*

(Please be seated)

### **Prayer of Confession**

(In Unison-MDPC, Houston TX)

Heavenly Father, you are a God of love and your care for us knows no bounds. And yet, we sometimes feel overwhelmed by the circumstances of life. When our personal situations are a challenge to us, we can find ourselves overwhelmed by anxiety. We confess our lack of trust in your faithfulness towards us. Forgive us for our impatience and instead help us to see where you are already at work in our lives. Steady our minds and fix our hearts upon your promises and goodness. Fill us with your joy and encouragement as you renew our thinking.

We ask this in the strong name of Jesus, Our Savior. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ who brings love to us, we are forgiven, healed, and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God's world. Rejoice! You are chosen and loved!

### **Passing of the Peace**

One ancient and significant gesture in worship is the passing of the peace. Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains our hearts, hands, and voices in the ways of peace. At these times we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors, grasp their hands, and speak the words, "The peace of the Lord be with you," and receive the words in turn,

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"And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity. (Col. 1:20-21).

## **Installation of a Church Officer**

### **Offering**

Please consider tithing during this part of the service. You can also tithe electronically by going to the "Give" tab on our website.

### **Sermon Text**

John 1: 43-51

### **Message**

*Come and See* - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Song of Sending\***

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

### **Life in the Body (Announcements)**

### **Blessing and Benediction\***

### **Postlude**

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### **Life in the Body (Announcements)**

- Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about us, please feel free to fill out a welcome card found on the table at the main door to the sanctuary. You can place the completed card in the basket when you are done.
- If you would like to see what other events or Bible Studies are taking place in our church body, you can find more information by going to: <https://fpcmontrose.churchcenter.com/calendar> or by picking up a copy in the foyer.

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