



February 4, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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Our mission: Embracing the Community with God's Love, Providing a Home for Spiritual Nurture & Worship, Reaching Out to Those in Need, Growing through Service to Others

Loving God, as this day opens into new and untold possibility, purge me of my compulsive need to carry useless baggage – physically, mentally, or emotionally. Teach me to walk simply with you as I trust in your abundant provision. Amen.

The Life of the Church

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

All: We welcome the light of Christ into our worship.

Sung Prayer of Preparation

"O Worship the Lord"

Red # 593

* Indicates please rise in body or spirit

The *Call to Worship* invites us to begin worshipping God.

*Call to Worship (responsive)

One: God is mighty in word and deed.

All: God's mercy is everlasting.

One: Blessed be the one holy and living God.

All: Glory to God forever.

*Hymn of Praise

"Ye Servants of God"

Red # 17

*Call to Confession

2 Cor. 12:9

Let us confess our sins to God, whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Ezek. 2:3-4

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call. By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

No one is perfect. God knows that. God asks us to admit our faults. We do this using the *Prayer of Confession*. *Silent Confession* is a time to tell God anything else you are sorry for.

*Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

One: Sisters and brothers, God's grace and mercy are never ending. Your sins are forgiven, therefore be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

***Congregational Response** "Gloria Patri" Red # 622
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.

After confessing our sin, we hear the good news that God forgives us in the *Assurance of Pardon*. We then stand and sing the *Gloria Patri* in praise of God's forgiveness.

***Declaration of Trust and the Peace**

One: Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

All: **Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

One: Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: **And also with you.**

(As we have received peace from Christ, let us also pass that peace to each other.)

We Hear the Word

Choral Anthem

"Shout to the North"

Martin Smith

Pew Conversation

Where are you from? What is your hometown? What is your hometown like?
How has it changed over the years? Do you still live there? Do you want to leave there?

Sung Response

"Jesus Heals Us"

Pew Insert

Jesus heals us. I can feel his love right in my heart! Let God's kingdom come to earth. God, help me do my part! God, your words are true. I will follow you. God is light that glows so bright. God shines for me and you!
Jesus traveled all around to teach and spread good news! Jesus welcomes all into the kingdom of our God.
Jesus heals us. I can feel his love right in my heart! Let God's kingdom come to earth. God, help me do my part! (Hey!)

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Come, Holy Spirit; when we become stubborn and unbelieving, open hearts to receive your Word, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ’s love. Amen.

In the *Prayer for Illumination*, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand God’s Word. “Illumination” means “turning the lights on”.

Scripture is God’s Word to us. We listen carefully and study God’s word.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 122

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-29

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

“That God’s Reign Would Come Among Us”

Rev. Diane Ziegler

We Respond

Hymn of Affirmation

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

Red # 451

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Sung Response to Prayer

“Hear our Prayer, O Lord”

Red # 614

In the *Offering* we give of ourselves. We give because God has given to us. We give because everything belongs to God and what we have has been entrusted to us.

Doxology means "to give God glory."

We pray God will use our gifts for God's work through us and others in the *Prayer of Dedication*.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Sisters and brothers, we cannot help but become like what we worship. Let us bring our gifts this day as a sign of God who is revealed in self-giving. Let us offer our lives in joy.

Offertory

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication/Offering (unison)**

Emmanuel, God with us, the Magi followed the star to find you. Amazed, they gave gifts. We too are amazed by your presence among us, by the gift that you are to us. With joyful hearts, we bring you our gifts of time, of money, of ourselves. Use these gifts and us to serve you and your world. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Holy Communion is the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord.

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God. . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of ever time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of goodness and life, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God of power and might . . . Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Come, then, life-giving Spirit . . . We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

All: Amen.

Words of Institution

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.

*The Lord's
Prayer is the
prayer Jesus
taught us.*

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion (unison)

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent

***Parting Hymn**

"Lead On O King Eternal"

Red # 483

***Charge**

1 Cor. 12:10

Fear not, for God's power is perfected in our weakness. Go in God's strength to love and serve.

***Carrying the Light**

One: As we go forth to serve,

All: We carry the light of Christ into the world.

***Benediction**

May the love of God, the power of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit dwell richly in you forever. Amen.

*** Sung Benediction**

“The Lord Whom We Love”

Red # 603

Postlude

(Sanctuary worshippers, please be seated for the postlude.)

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Prayer Concerns Harry and Pat Crowe, Eliana, Nola (Kelly’s step-mother), Jonathan Berryhill, Sandy (Shay’s friend), Family of Diane Green, Phil Rogers, Leslie Clements, Bently, Maureen Smallwood, Bill Wiseman, Loy and Ed Boncek, Toby Boedecker, those who are sick and their caregivers, those who hunger, those recovering from storms, those grieving, children with RSV, PEACE.

Announcements

Today there will be a Ham and Bean Luncheon following worship. A free will offering will be accepted and there will be soup beans to go available for purchase.

Per Capita is due. The amount for 2024 is \$53.05 per member. This money helps to fund the staffing and support of the Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly. The church pays the amount for each member regardless of whether or not members make their contributions.

Looking Ahead

Scout Sunday February 11th

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner February 13th

Ash Wednesday February 14th

First Sunday of Lent- February 18th

Office Hours – Monday- 10-5, Wednesday- 10-5, Friday 10-3

Suggestion for at home this week

- Pray for healing for anyone who is sick or who needs strength.
- Take a picture of Flat Jesus and determine how you will share the good news in the place that he is found.
- Read Mark 6:1-29 with your family or with a prayer partner, and think about how God is revealed each day.

Bible Studies

- Monday at 10:00 a.m./Winans Coffee and Chocolates on Feedwire Rd. *Living into the Answers*. See Robin for more information.
- Monday at 6:30 p.m./ Board Room. Sunday Scriptures.
- Wednesday at 6:00 p.m./ Board Room. The Proverbs Devotional Challenge.

Opportunities to Serve

- Volunteers needed for our enrichment/craft program for 3-5-year-old on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.- Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. See Kimmie with any questions.
- Help with Wednesday evening food pick-up for the food ministry from 4:45 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. See Susan Seiler for more information.
- Online/Credit card Giving: Access by using the QR code to the right or make a credit card donation using the Clover machine located in the sanctuary.



The realm of the impossible

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.

—Corrie ten Boom