

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 28, 2024

10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Prelude on “Hyfrydol” Paul Manz

WELCOME Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

***HYMN** #455 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Kaul

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth,
whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.
Trusting in God’s grace let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you. Forgive us when we fail; open our hearts and minds to your teachings. You molded compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends. You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit, but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God. You create all things good and your creation sings your praise, but we consider no creatures but ourselves and would your earth by our sin. Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness, show us how to share it with one another. (*Silent Reflection*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Those who trust in God will renew their strength. They will

run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM “Eternal Light” arr. Benjamin Harlan

A TIME TO BE YOUNG

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LITURGIST

Great God,

We know that you are our God and that we are mere mortals, but self righteousness still consumes us, arrogance still guides our decisions, and we become isolated and alone. Bring us back to rest in your sovereign love, encourage us in relationship, and guide us to live in the community of faith, that we might experience your love building us up, enabling us to do the work which you call us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Liturgist

Psalm 111

Praise for God’s Wonderful Works

¹ Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and **his righteousness endures forever.**

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ **The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ **He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.**

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21-28

Rev. Kaul

SERMON

“Jesus and the Unclean Spirit”

HYMN

#394 “There is a Balm in Gilead”

With the whole church, let us confess our faith: (Liturgist)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 on 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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Andante” L. von Beethoven/arr S. Keck

***Doxology**

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray now with confidence as children of God the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray saying:

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.**

HYMN #142 “All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

*“May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are
absent, one from the other.” (Mizpah Benediction)*

POSTLUDE “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” arr. David Lowe

Serving Today

LITURGIST- Debbie H.

USHERS- Bruce H., Howard T., Bill F.


COUNTERS - Marie D., Joyce I.

FLOWERS - Ted and Sally


"In memory of our children,

Chris and Amy "

FELLOWSHIP - Potluck



The fear of the Lord is
the beginning of wisdom
Psalm III:10



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