

ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Remember Our Chaplains – Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies

February 2, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

People: **O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** **Father, open our hearts as we hear Your word for our world. Make each utterance bring joy to the hearers and peace to every heart.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 275 *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* EIN FESTE BURG

***CALL TO CONFESSION** **If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.**

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord of the universe, hear our prayers. We know Your law yet find it hard to follow. We envy those who have more than we do, and lust for more. We allow ourselves to be consumed with earthly problems and fail to address our spiritual needs. Please forgive us when we value earthly possessions more than the spiritual ones. Guide us in Your direction and teach us to love one another as You have commanded. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say,) In Christ’s name, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: Thanks be to God!

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Open our hearts, Lord, to know Your word and remember it for all our lives. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 71:1-6 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: In You, O Lord, I take refuge, let me never be put to shame.

People: **In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline Your ear to me and save me.**

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

People: **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

Leader: For You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

People: **Upon You I have leaned from my birth; it was You who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of You.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Jeremiah 1:4-10 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 698 of the Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” ⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: “*You Are Welcome Here*” Words and Music by Marty Parks

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 175 of the New Testament

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 693 *“Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)”* WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 *“Glory Be to the Father”* GLORIA PATRI

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.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

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.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Generous and loving God, we thank You for Your gifts to us. We work to us them wisely and ask for guidance as we go forward. Use our gifts for the furtherance of Your kingdom. In Christ's name, Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(For the music used during the prayer turn to #552, 553, and 554 in the hymnal.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: To the one true and living God...

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful are the works of Your hands, Holy God, and how gracious is the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Breathe on us, breath of God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No.722 "*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*" CANONBURY

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 542 "*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*" GOD BE WITH YOU
**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Daily Bread

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Today we are going to have a Soup Luncheon to celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring. The Souper Bowl of Caring helps those who don't have enough to eat. There will be pots in the Fellowship Hall to donate to, and that money will be sent to the DeSoto Food Pantry. We are going to celebrate the Super Bowl a week early, on February 2nd following the Worship Service. Please join us for this special lunch.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session
Our Troops
Joe and Lorrinda Alexander
Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray
Jim Glander
Martha Brashear – continued prayers
The church and nation of Ukraine
Makia's people in Cameroon
DeSoto Food Pantry
Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering
Chikezie is very weak
Christians in Pakistan
Janet
The Israel-Hamas War
Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water
People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.
Travel mercies for all our members and friends traveling
Eliana Grace was born months prematurely, and her lungs are not functioning properly
Lorrinda was diagnosed with Atrial Flutter
Bryan Booth Krueger fell on Christmas Day and broke a leg in 3 places
Joan Christy
Bill's friend Ray Fernandez lost his mother, please pray for the family and friends
All the people who lost their homes in the fires in California
Cecil is recovering from partial knee replacement surgery
Family and friends of Clyde Lockhart who passed away. Also his daughter lost
one of her 5-week-old twins. The family really needs our prayers.

CELEBRATIONS

Cecil made it through his knee replacement surgery and he's getting around with his walker
Today is Lori's birthday
Lorrinda is home from the hospital