

ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Matthew 25: Dismantle Structural Racism Sunday
Racial and Intercultural Justice/Presbyterians Affirm Black Lives Matter,
Per Capita Sunday

January 19, 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 response.

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

Leader: **Glory to God in the heavens.**

People: **Glory to God in all the earth.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** **Father, be present in this hour of worship. Receive our prayers and praise as worthy of Your glory. As we worship You in spirit and in truth, surround us with Your love and blessings. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 370 *"This Is My Father's World"* TERRA BEATA

***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**

God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, hear our heartfelt prayers of confession. We try to follow Your commandments but often view toward the temptations of this world instead. We find ourselves seduced by the glitter of all that humans find valuable, rather than staying focused on You. We follow our own desires even when they are contrary to Your teachings. Lord, teach us not to stray from Your path and forgive us when we follow the glitter of this world instead. It is in humility that we ask. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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 Christ, illuminate Your word and make it shine brightly in our hearts. Let us then be a beacon of Your love in this world. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 36:1-5 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, Your judgments are like the great deep; You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Leader: How precise is Your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

Leader: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

People: O continue Your steadfast love to those who know You, and Your salvation to the upright of heart!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from [Isaiah 62:1-5](#), you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 692 of the Old Testament

Isaiah 62:1-5

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from [1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#), you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 174 of the New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing the hymn that's printed in your bulletin

***HYMN** We've a Story to Tell to the Nations, Nichol

vs. 1 We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

*Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.*

vs. 2 We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
has sent us His Son to save us,
and show us that God is love
and show us that God is love. (Refrain)

vs. 3 We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow has trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
may come to the truth of God,
may come to the truth of God! (Refrain)

INSTALLATION OF NEW RULING ELDERS – Ivan Yuhanna and Thomas Boyanton

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.

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

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

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.

Please join me in our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord, we thank You for the gifts You have bestowed on us. Each of us brings something special to Your church and each of those gifts is valuable in the service of Your kingdom. Thank You for Your love and care for all of creation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 300 *"We Are One in the Spirit"* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 136 *"Go Tell It on the Mountain"* refrain GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

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

Daily Bread

Supplement

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PLEDGING NEEDS

We have received very few pledges to date. This makes preparing a budget to cover our church needs very problematic. Please consider making a pledge (letters, cards and envelopes are located on the Narthex table at the back of the sanctuary.)

Pat Nash, Administration Committee

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 fell and broke her pelvis, prayers for a speedy recovery

Bryan Booth Krueger fell on Christmas Day and broke a leg in 3 places

Joan Christy

Bill's friend Ray Fernandez has a mother who is terminally ill

All the people affected by the fires in California, and pray that the fires die down

CELEBRATIONS

Steve Perry said his leg is completely healed

Michelle Kalu celebrated her 21st birthday

Both Spencer and Brayden got all A's last semester