

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

January 26, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

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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: **This day is holy to the Lord your God.**

People: **The joy of the Lord is your strength.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

**Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** O God, You spoke Your word and revealed good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming Your joyful promises to all nations and singing of Your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, Your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 265 "*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*" DUKE STREET

**\*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**

Father God, hear our ardent prayers. We have grieved You by our thoughts and deeds. We ignore Your commandments and do what seems best in our own eyes. We have not loved one another as You want us to. We actively shun those who aren't like us and desire that their problems be hidden from sight. We blame others for their own problems while feeling smugly superior in our comfort. Forgive us when we forget to care for those who have less, those who are in need. Help us to feel compassion for those in trouble, rather than silently judging their choices. (Say – **“Please pray silently,”** and after about 20 seconds, say...) Forgive all these things we ask in Jesus' 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 minds and hearts to hear Your word as it applies to our lives and the world around us. Amen.**

**PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 19 please read it responsively with me.**

Leader: **The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.**

People: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: **There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;**

People: **yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens He has set a tent for the sun,**

Leader: **which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

People: **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

Leader: **The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

People: **The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: **the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

People: **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Leader: **Moreover by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**

People: **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

Leader: **Keep back Your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

People: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 436-437 of the Old Testament**

### **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

8All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**The choir will now sing the Anthem:**

**ANTHEM:** *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 4:14-21 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 61 of the New Testament

**Luke 4:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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. 451 “*Open My Eyes, That I May See*” OPEN MY EYES

**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**

### **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.

**Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

In You, O Lord our God, we find our joy, for through Your law and Your prophets You formed a people in mercy and freedom, in justice and righteousness. Pour Your Spirit on us today that we who are Christ's body may bear the good news of Your ancient promises to all who seek You. Amen.

**Our last Hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 634 *"To God Be the Glory"* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### **\*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.**

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FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

# Daily Bread

Supplement

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## **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> following the Worship Service. Please bring your favorite soup that you would like to share with everyone.

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

**TUESDAY** – 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

**THURSDAY** – 10:00 AM Art Group

**NEXT SUNDAY** – **Communion Sunday**

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

12:15 PM Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon

## **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 having partial knee replacement surgery on Thursday morning

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Janet wants to thank our 2 new Ruling Elders and all the Elders that are currently serving on Session