



FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Third Sunday after  
Epiphany  
Sunday, January 23, 2022  
10:30 A.M.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isa. 61: 1-2, 10-11

Lord,  
you bring glad tidings to the poor.

**Let us hear.**

You heal the brokenhearted.

**Heal us too.**

You free the prisoners from their jails.

**Free us from ourselves.**

Loving God,

please come to us,

**and send us out, forgiven,**

**to the poor, the brokenhearted the imprisoned.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 610

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Matt Curry

May God be with you in worship here.

**May God be with you in worship there.**

*Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

John 3:5

We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life's end. Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**We confess to you, Gracious God, that too often we look on your law as a burden, not a gift; an inconvenience, not a blessing. Rather than seeing your love revealed, we feel our own guilt magnified. Instead of rejoicing in your Good News, we focus on our own shortcomings. Turn us around, Redeemer, and do not let our fears have dominion over us. Enlighten us, so that our words and deeds may be acceptable to you.**

*Silence is kept for personal confession.*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Cor. 12:31a

In spite of our individual inadequacies, God has called us together to be Christ's Body, and each one of us is indispensable. God re-members us, giving each of us distinct gifts, equipping each of us to provide guidance and accountability for one another, that we all may become more faithful followers of Christ. We are all greater as one Body than any single member of us could be on our own. **Thanks be to God!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

*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.*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE HYMN 530

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.*

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (repeat refrain)*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

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

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 4: 14-21

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be Praised.**

### SERMON

“The Jesus Agenda”

Rev. Matt Curry

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles 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 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.**

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

...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!*

#### 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

**THE SENDING**

\*HYMN 317

*In Christ There is No East or West.*

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

**LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Ashley Hicks*

Assisting: *Stephanie Dube*

Communion Servers: *Marilyn Van Winkle & Tom Furlong*



## **The Life of the Church**

**The flowers today** were donated by Beth Saylor in memory of her beloved mother, Mary Beth Saylor

**The Mission Committee** will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship today.

**A congregational meeting** has been called for Sunday, Jan. 30, immediately following the worship service, to present the annual report, approve the pastor's terms of call and elect a trustee.

**Servers are needed** for the meal at the Pitino Shelter on Sunday, Jan. 30. If interested, please contact Jerry Nail.

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.



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community of faith called to proclaim  
the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people,  
and to join God in the building of a  
just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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