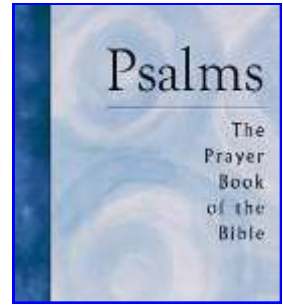


FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Order of Worship 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE - *"Thy Word"* - Smith and Grant

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *"As the Deer"* #626

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

- O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 136: 1-4, 26)

* OPENING HYMN - *"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"* #801

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Mighty and merciful God, forgive us. It is easy for us to get caught up in material things. Not content with what we have, we seek more. Instead of receiving gifts graciously, we are frustrated we did not get what we wanted. Help us to be grateful for the blessings we have. Help us to remember that there are many who have no food or shelter. Forgive us when we fail to see the needs of those around us. Open our hearts to share the most precious gift of all, your grace.

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI - "Glory to God" #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

ANTHEM - "All That Lasts" - Martin and Angerman

Faith Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

Move in our hearts, O God, and open these words of Scripture to us today. Help us to hear with fresh ears and willing hearts the life-giving message you have for us. In your Son's name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 100

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. *Thanks be to God*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – 1 John 4:7-12

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON “The Prayer Book of the Bible”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD “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.

,SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *“Psalm of Glory”* - Wells

***DOXOLOGY** *“Our God Is an Awesome God”* #616 (sing twice)

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

***CLOSING HYMN** - *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”* - #546

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”* - #458

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way,
still you’re there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

***POSTLUDE** - *“Make A Joyful Noise”* - Viner