

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Thomas Boyanton

**PRELUDE:** *"I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone"* - Johann Pachelbel

## CHIMING THE HOUR

**GREETINGS** 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:**

Leader: **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

People: **We praise the Lord with prayer, song, and all our being.**

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*PRAISE CHORUS:** Hymn No. 664 *"Morning Has Broken"* – vs. 1 BUNESSAN

**Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.**

**Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!**

**Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!**

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

**\*OPENING PRAYER** **O Lord, as we bask in the light of Your all-consuming love, let us come together in love for one another. We stand in Your house and praise You. Let us also stand in the city streets and live what You teach. Amen.**

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 610 *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* AZMON

**\*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**

Gracious God, we long to be Your faithful servants in all we say and do, but too often fail to live a Christ-like life. We fail in our efforts to treat others as we want to be treated and often want to see others “pay the price” for perceived wrongdoing. Father, give us a heart of love for all people and forgive us when we fail to follow Your directions for our lives. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say,) In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

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

## **RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 743 “O God, You are My God (Step by Step)” vs. 1 STEP BY STEP

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You’ll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

**A TIME FOR YOUTH** You may be seated and would our youth please come forward.

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** God, by whose word everything was made, give us the ears to hear Your word made fresh for our generation. Give us hearts that can feel Your call to service and respond. And, give us wisdom, that all our actions may reflect Your love for humanity. Amen.

**PSALTER LESSON** Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, You know it completely.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Leader: For it was You who formed my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother’s womb.

People: I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; that I know very well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

People: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In Your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

Leader: How weighty to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

People: I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with You.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Our Old Testament Lesson comes from 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 247 of the Old Testament

1 Samuel 3:1-20

**3** Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

<sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." <sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

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"* - HOUSTON, arr. B. Krueger

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 1:43-51 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 92-93 of the New Testament

John 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Rev. Janet Boyanton

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

**\*HYMN** No. 738 *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"* MARYTON

**You may be seated and would Lori Gast would you please come forward**

**INSTALLATION OF NEW RULING ELDERS** (New Ruling Elders – Joan Christy and Lori Gast)

**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.**

**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:** "Fairest Lord Jesus" - arr. David Hegarty

**\*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**

God, it is with joy we thank You for all the good things You have given us. We live in abundance, even when we feel like we don't have enough. Accept our gifts today as a return of Your own, and bless all those who benefit from these gifts.. In Christ's name, Amen.

**Our last Hymn today is:**

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

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" vs. 1 I'M GONNA LIVE  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*POSTLUDE:** "Postlude Allegro" - L. Bottazzo

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

# Daily Bread

Supplement

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## POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

If you bought poinsettias please take your plant(s) home.

Pat Nash

Faith in Action Committee

## CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

## HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, please see Barry before the Worship Service begins.

## DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### TUESDAY

10:30 AM FIA Meeting

### THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

### NEXT SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir practice

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Sue Fitch

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Continued prayers for Bryson

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Bryan's mom

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel - Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry

Joan's sister Marj has been put into hospice

God be with Braydon as he decides which college to attend

Russell had to have his gall bladder removed

Jennifer Swan had surgery and it didn't go well

Jewell Cruz

One of Thomas' cousins grandfather was killed in a car accident

Janet's friend Carolyn is in the hospital with cancer and issues that her cancer caused