

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**4th Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 28, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Thomas Boyanton

**PRELUDE:** *“Reflection on AZMON”* - arr. David Lasky

## **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: A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

People: **O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.**

All: **Let us worship 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** **Father, open our hearts as we hear Your word for our world. Make each utterance bring joy to the hearers and peace to every heart.**

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 307 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* CWM RHONDDA

**\*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**

Lord of the Universe, hear our prayers. We know Your law yet find it hard to follow. We envy those who have more than we do, and lust for more. We allow ourselves to be consumed with earthly problems and fail to address our spiritual needs. Please forgive us when we value earthly possessions more than spiritual ones. Guide us in Your direction and teach us to love one another as You have commanded. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, in Christ’s 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.

**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 hearts, Lord, to know Your word and remember it for all our lives. Amen.

**PSALTER LESSON** Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 111 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of honor and majesty in His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

**People: He has gained renown by His wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

Leader: He provides food for those who fear Him; He is ever mindful of His covenant.

**People: He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

Leader: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy,

**People: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name.

**People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Deuteronomy 18:15-20 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 174-175 of the Old Testament

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

**ANTHEM:** "Lord, You Have My Heart" - Martin Smith

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Our New Testament Lesson comes from 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 171 of the New Testament

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

**8** Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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. 697 “*Take My Life*” HENDON

**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:** *"God Leads Us Along"* - G. A. Young, arr. Ron Loree

**\*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**

**Generous and loving God, we thank You for Your gifts to us. We work to use them wisely and ask for guidance as we go forward. Use our gifts for the furtherance of Your kingdom. In Christ's name, Amen.**

**Our last Hymn today is:**

**\* Hymn** No. 700 *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* vs. 1 I'M GONNA LIVE

**\*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:** *"Sarabande"* - G. F. Händel

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

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Please join us for Refreshments  
Following the Worship Service

# Daily Bread

Supplement

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## **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 Worship Committee 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 with communion

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

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

Janet's friend Carolyn Clayton passed away. Please pray for her husband, daughter, grandchild and her friends.

Prayers for all those who are without shelter during this cold snap.

Sue Fitch passed away, prayers for her family and friends

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Okoro thanks us for our prayers, they got home from Nigeria and both girls are back at school

Martha Brashear's great great grandchild was baptized.