

ORDER OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Presbyterian Media Sunday

Remember Our Chaplains – Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies

February 4, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast

Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE: “*Communion*” - Alexandre Guilmant

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: **Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.**

People: **Who is the King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.**

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, we greet the day with joy. Today and everyday we worship You for the wondrous creation You have given us to enjoy. Help us to always enjoy all the wonders You have provided for us. Amen.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 20 “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*” ROYAL OAK

***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**

God who knows us better than we know ourselves, forgive us when we fail to live up to Your expectations of our lives. We long to be faithful disciples, but fail to care for people in need, fail to recognize injustice in our community, and often shy away from the problems we do see. Give us the wisdom and the courage to stand up for Your Gospel message in the face of opposition. Forgive us when we try and fail. (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 ears to hear Your word for our world. Give us new ears to understand what it means for our lives. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 84, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!**

People: **My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: **Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

People: **Happy are those who live in Your house, ever singing Your praise.**

Leader: **Happy are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

People: **As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.**

Leader: **They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

People: **O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!**

Leader: **Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed.**

People: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the hour of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: **For the Lord is a sun and shield; He bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

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

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

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Malachi 3:1-4 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 689-690 of the Old Testament**

Malachi 3:1-4

3See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *“Lord, Meet Us Here”* - arr. Mark Weston

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 2:22-40 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 59 of the New Testament

Luke 2:22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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. 525 “*Let Us Break Bread Together*” LET US BREAK BREAD

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

OFFERTORY: “*Gigue*” - Gordon Young, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

***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**

Gracious God, we thank You for the many good gifts You have given us. We return a portion for Your work. Use our gifts to further Your kingdom in this world. In Christ’s name, Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(For the music used during the prayer turn to #552, 553, and 554 in the hymnal.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: To the one true and living God...

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, 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.

How wonderful are the works of Your hands, Holy God, and how gracious is the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Breathe on us, breath of God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Our last Hymn today is:

* **HYMN** No. 804 “*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*” MARION

***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:** “*Go Therefore!*” - Robert F. Smith

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

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*Please join us for Refreshments
Following the Worship Service*

Daily Bread

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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 Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir practice

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

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

Clyde Lockhart is in the hospital with RSV and he also has dementia which makes it that much worse

CELEBRATIONS

Memorial service for Sue Fitch will be on April 11th @ 11