

The Church at Worship

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Congregational responses and unison readings are indicated in bold.

The Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You are the way to a restored relationship with the Father, the truth that guides our lives, and the life that overcomes death. Help us grasp this hope's depth and live in the light of Your truth. Strengthen our faith, and let Your hope permeate every aspect of our lives. Thank You for being our unwavering source of hope. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *A new day has dawned, a new year begun*

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

Leader: *The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future*

People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

Leader: *We enter this new year with hope and excitement*

People: O Lord, remind us that You lead us

ALL: O Lord, guide us as look to You, and worship You. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* # 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, You sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have lost track of Your truth, and wandered from Your holy will. We have made our own way in the world. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from Your wisdom. Find us, O God.

Forgive our sin, and bring us back to You, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

(Moment for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: *The Lord our God is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounds in steadfast love. He does not pay us back what we deserve, but even while we were his enemies he sent his son to die for us. Christ died for you as God's gift – not because God owed you, but because God loves you. You have been forgiven and you are freed to love others as God has loved you.*

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Response to Forgiveness

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: *The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ which passes all understanding be with you all.*

All: And also with you.

(Please turn to those around you and extend the hand of peace and friendship)

*COMMUNION HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life* # 175
vs. 1 & 4

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your heart

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.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Word

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:7-14; John 1:10-18

SERMON

"Come Home for New Year's"

Ronald W. Jones M. Div.

The Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY:

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sending

*CLOSING HYMN *He Leadeth Me* # 447

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be With You* #583

POSTLUDE

Congregational Care

Bobby Basham, Rosemary Harris and her helper Linda; Ethan, friend of Nebe; Cindy Iszard's son, Zack; Alex Lanphear, Lee Franklin Laster & wife; Emma Loller; Glenda Moore's nephew, Brad; Terry Thomas, the Rev. Tracy Williams; those unable to attend church and those serving in the military, as missionaries and in works of mercy and relief around the world and their families.

The Leadership of the Church

SESSION serves as the governing council of the church.

Current members of the Session are:

Louan Pyron, Clerk

Cindy Lanphear, Treasurer

Class of 2023

Susan Pfeifler

David Pyron

Class of 2024

Linda McDougal

Chris Lanphear

Class of 2025

Stephen Fyr

Ann Pfeifler

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 NOTES FROM TODAY'S LESSONS



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

Worship 10:00 a.m.