

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Healing God, we are a broken people.  
Only your Word of grace can make us whole.  
Speak your grace to us.  
Let your healing power enter us, change us, and set us free,  
free to be who you create us to be,  
free to love, free to live joyfully.  
We pray in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                                  Andante in A Major                                  Felix Mendelssohn

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                                  Vince Leseney

With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.  
**Great are the works of the Lord!**  
We ascribe honor and majesty to God.  
**God's righteousness endures forever.**  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.  
**Let us worship God!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                  From All That Dwell Below the Skies                  Hymnal, No. 327

### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

And so we pray for transformation, saying together:  
**God among us,  
forgive us when we assume you are far from us  
and when we fail to recognize our part in your  
ongoing ministry.  
We lament that so many feel forsaken.  
We grieve for all the wounds not healed,  
actions not taken,  
and calls not answered.  
Teach us to participate  
in your mission in the world,  
to remember our baptism,  
hear the call on our lives,  
and help those who are sent our way.  
Transform us,  
so that we may be more like Christ.  
Amen.**  
*(Time of silent reflection)*  
In Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen!**

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory To God

Hymnal, No. 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*

*World without end, without end. Amen (x3)  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nick Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Page No. 153

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 111

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

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

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

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

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

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

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

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

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

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

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

Page No. 812

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Astounded and Amazed

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Hymnal, No. 316

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

To Ruling Elder: Lucy Lanning

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

I Cor. 12:4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit  
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,  
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Response: ... hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer  
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

Hymnal, No. 654

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

We Are One in The Spirit

Hymnal, No. 300

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Fanfare

N. J. Lemmens

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for February 4: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for January are blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats, gloves and thick socks. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

# 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

*Unison*

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -  
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -  
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

*Harmony* *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's  
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all  
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.  
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

*Harmony*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

# Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.  
3 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
4 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,  
5 Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
As mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.  
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.



# We Are One in the Spirit 300

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
Bbm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
Bbm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be - re - stored;  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain* (C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.