

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of jubilee,  
in Jesus Christ you are always bringing  
good news to the poor  
and liberty for the captives.  
You grant sight for the blind  
and freedom for the oppressed.  
You declare the year of holy favor.  
Help us this day as we, your people, gather,  
to hold this vision of jubilee.  
Teach us this day to both receive and embody  
the fullness of your Spirit's vision. Amen..

PRELUDE

Pastoral-Prelude

Jean Langlais

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We praise you, God, for the diversity of your body.

**By God's Spirit, we are one.**

From diverse backgrounds and diverse places,

**by God's Spirit, we are one.**

From diverse cultures and diverse generations,

**by God's Spirit, we are one.**

From diverse questions and diverse dreams,

**by God's Spirit, we are one.**

We celebrate our diversity. We celebrate our unity.

**By God's Spirit, we are one. Hallelujah!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Hymnal, No. 395

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray together:

**Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts, bent as they are towards ourselves, out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you, O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray. Amen.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

\*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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Page No. 933

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

ANTHEM

How Beautiful upon the Mountain

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:2-18

Page No. 866

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE		Max Hayden Jones
SONG OF FAITH, Verse 1	Live into Hope	Hymnal, No.772
MESSAGE		Ngwana Asana
SONG OF FAITH, Verse 2	Live into Hope	Hymnal, No.772
MESSAGE		David Duty
*SONG OF FAITH, Verse 3-4	Live into Hope	Hymnal, No. 772

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's sovereign love is a mystery  
beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God  
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving  
sinful men and women.  
The power of God's love in Christ  
to transform the world  
discloses that the Redeemer  
is the Lord and Creator  
who made all things  
to serve the purpose of God's love.**  
*(from the Confession of 1967)*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER		Hymnal, p. 35
	<i>Please pray the Lord's Prayer in the language and wording most familiar to you.</i>	

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	Hymnal, No. 609
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.	
	Praise God, all creatures high and low.	
	Alleluia, alleluia!	
	Praise God, in Jesus fully known:	
	Creator, Word, and Spirit one.	
	Alleluia, alleluia!	
	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!	

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

*SENDING SONG	We are One in The Spirit	Hymnal, No. 300
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\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Lobe den Herren"

Gordon Young

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

*Much of today's liturgy comes from the Presbyterian Outlook, written by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution.*

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 2: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for January are sandwich crackers and granola bars. **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.

# 395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,  
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;



and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your



true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.  
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.



## Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - leel  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

# 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)  
B<sup>b</sup>m 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)  
B<sup>b</sup>m 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)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

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