



# First Presbyterian Church

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025, 11:00 AM

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\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

**Bold type is spoken by the people.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: Toccata in Seven

*John Rutter*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Amy Woods, Liturgist*

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

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

ONE: From diverse backgrounds and diverse places,

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

ONE: From diverse cultures and diverse generations,

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

ONE: From diverse questions and diverse dreams,

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

ONE: We celebrate our diversity. We celebrate our unity.

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

\*OPENING HYMN: As a Chalice Cast of Gold

**#429**

### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Turning to God and following the light of Christ, let us in faith confess our sin and the sins of the world, saying...

**ALL: Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from your light. We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need of you. We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to stand up and work for the change we would like to see. Lord, in your strength, renew us and compel us by your invitation that we may work to pursue your justice and mercy for all people, sharing your light in ways great and small.**

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us #575

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: May the God of mercy, the Lord of strength, forgive you all your sins; and may the Holy Spirit keep you in new life.

**ALL: Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

**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!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES *Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 **P.410**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a **P.163**

ONE: Powerful and full of majesty is the voice of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: Behold, God Is My Salvation *Robert J. Powell*  
*Text: Isaiah 12: 2, 4*

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my song. Call upon his name and praise the Lord; declare his works among the people, and say that his name is exalted.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 4:14-21 **P.57**

SERMON *Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

\*SERMON HYMN: We Are One in the Spirit **#300**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Serenity Cavness*

PRESENTATION

\*COMMUNAL 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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

ONE: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**ALL:** With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

\*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the liturgist and the congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us pass the peace...

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;**

**#306**

**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... O God of grace,

**ALL: bless us with peace.**

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.**

## INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY:

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*Dale Wood*

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

#606

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace.  
Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. **Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN:

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

#757

\*BENEDICTION

ONE: ...Alleluia!

**ALL: Amen!**

POSTLUDE:

Marche Romaine

*Charles Gounod*

## REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY CALENDAR

- **Religion and Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am, in Room 6 and on Zoom.
- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Faithful Living Bible Study** – 9:45am-10:45am in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study.** 10am-10:45am, in the Library.
- **Nursery** – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children's Church** - 11:15am, in Room 16
- **Middle School Youth Group** – 3pm-5pm, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Teen Youth Group** – 5pm-7pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

### WEDNESDAY CALENDAR

- **Wednesday Night Gathering**– 5:15pm dinner, 6pm lesson/activities begin.
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.