

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Per Capita Sunday

January 21, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Thomas Boyanton

PRELUDE: *"Meditation on FOUNDATION"* - arr. David Lasky

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: **The Lord is our refuge and our salvation,**

People: **He is our salvation at all times.**

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** Lord, we praise You in the sanctuary and in our homes. Together we share Your love with all the world. We celebrate the gracious gift of salvation through Your Son, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 269 *"Lead On, O King Eternal!"* LANCASHIRE

***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**

Merciful God, hear our prayers as we strive to follow in Your footsteps. We work to live in a world free of prejudice and hatred yet stand by silently when others speak and act out of hatred. We stand silently while people are injured by the anger and violence of others. Forgive our inactivity in the face of mistreatment and help us to be the disciples You call us to be. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) 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 Lord, cast a light on Your words, that we may hear them as fresh and new. Give us a mind to understand great love for all of Your creation. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 62:5-12 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from Him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

People: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

Leader: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

People: Put no confidence in extortion and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Leader: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

People: and steadfast love belongs to You, O Lord. For You repay to all according to their work.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Mark 1:14-20 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 35 of the New Testament

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You" - Jay Althouse

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Jonah 3:1-5, 10 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 860-861 of the Old Testament

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

3The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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. 649 “*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*” AMAZING GRACE

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

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

OFFERTORY: “*Andante Cantabile*” - Giovanni Ernesto Galliard

***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**

Lord of all things, we thank You from our abundance. Help us to remember that all we have is Yours, a trust from You. Use these gifts to further Your kingdom in this world. In Christ's name, Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 724 "*O Jesus, I Have Promised*" ANGEL'S STORY

***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:** "*Recessional*" - Robert J. Hughes

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

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*Please join us for Refreshments
Following the Worship Service*

Daily Bread

Supplement

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POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

If you bought poinsettias please take your plant(s) home.

Pat Nash

Faith in Action Committee

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 Worship Committee Meeting

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

Sue Fitch is in Hospice Care.

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.