

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty God,
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ
is the light of the world.
May your people,
illuminated by your Word and Sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth:
for he lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Andante in D

Felix Mendelssohn

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

We are the church:

**sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints.**

We are the church:

**together with those in every place
who call on the name of Jesus Christ.**

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator
and our Lord Jesus Christ!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Take Up Your Cross

Hymnal, No. 718

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God of the ages,
We do not always wait with patience.
We do not always sing your praises.
We do not always recognize your work in our lives.
We would rather take the credit for ourselves.
We would rather take the easy way out.
We would rather step on others
if it means more for ourselves.
Forgive us for all the ways we forget you.
Help us to delight to do your will.
Help us to trust in you
and return us to the path of righteousness.**

(Time of silent reflection)

The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world.
The Lamb of God takes away the sins
of each and every one of us.

**Christ has mercy on us, forgiving our sins.
Alleluia!**

*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 Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 592

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set
my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the
proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

**You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and
your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.**

Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be
counted.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an
open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

**I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.**

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faith-
fulness and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from
the great congregation.**

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;

let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

ANTHEM

The Light of the World is Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Looking, Seeing, Finding

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Rejoice in God's Saints

Hymnal, No. 732

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

To Ruling Elder: Julie Forthman, Charlotte Lovett, Larry Upton

To Deacon: John Beck, Carl Forthman, Lisa Upton

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

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

A time of silence follows each petition.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Precious Lord Take My Hand Hymnal, No. 834

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Toccata Theodore Dubois

*Please rise in body or spirit.

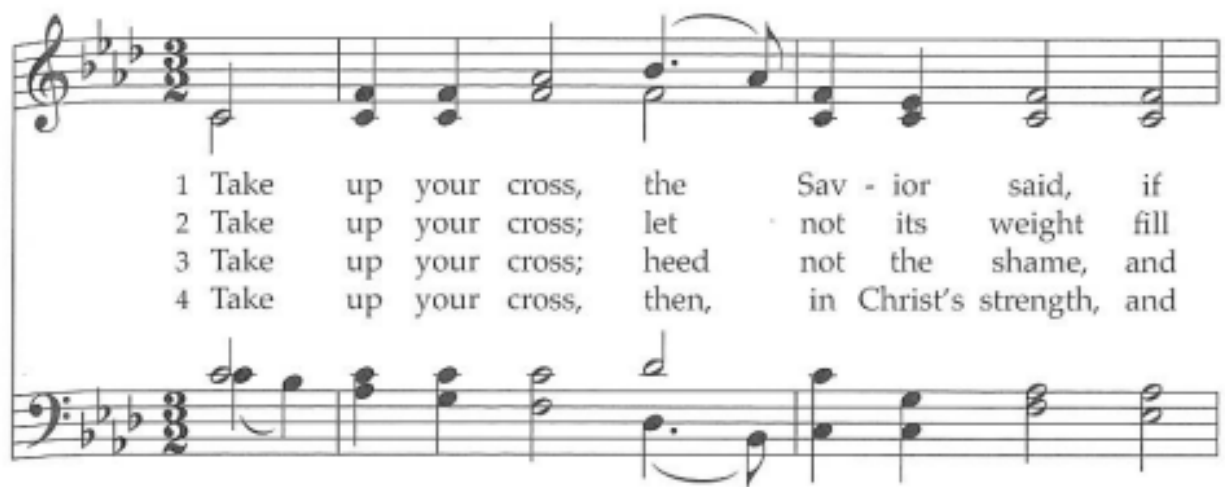
We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation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

Lectionary Readings for January 22: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.

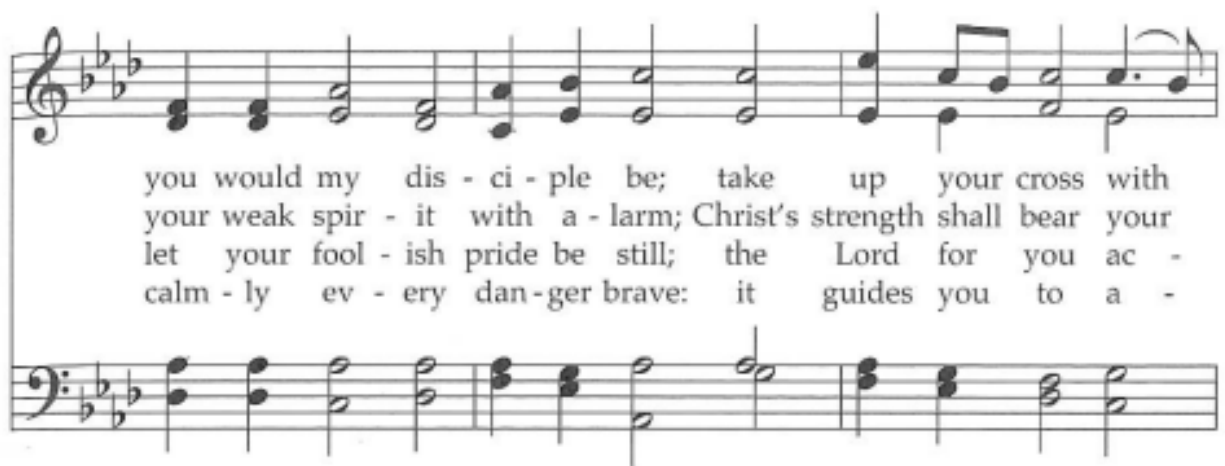
The Food & Shelter items of the month for January **are canned fruits and veggies. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table. Hearing-assistance devices and large print hymnals are available from the head usher.**

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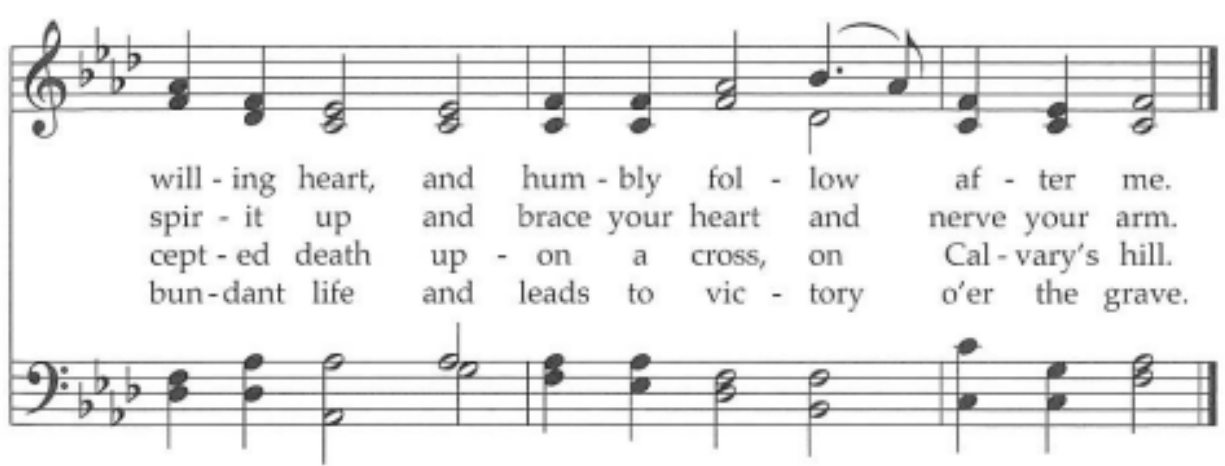
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718



1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and



you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -



will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Rejoice in God's Saints

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1 Re - joi - ce in God's saints, to - day and all days!
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joi - ce in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joi - ce in God's saints, to - day and all days!

A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own;
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near; when my life is al - most gone,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.