

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O Divine Host,
all people may take refuge
in the shadow of your wings,
for your steadfast love extends to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
When we worry that we do not have enough,
help us remember that you turned water,
the simplest of elements,
into the very best wine,
and that you have given each of us
great gifts for the common good.
O God, let our hospitality be as abundant as your love,
and let our solidarity be as constant as your faithfulness.
This we pray, empowered by the same Holy Spirit
who provides each and every gift. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers David Marvel, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney

God, stretching to the heavens—

God, lofty like the clouds—

God, mighty like the mountains—

God, immense like the great deep—

your salvation is expansive and generous,
touching people and creatures alike.

We rejoice in the measures of your steadfast love!

*SONG OF PRAISE God, Reveal Your Presence Hymnal, No. 412

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Loving Lord,

**we long to be your faithful people,
but our good intentions run out
and we come up empty.**

**For all the ways we fall short in our sin,
forgive us, Gracious One.**

**Change us—like water into wine—
to become what the world lacks,
that our community, our nation,
our church, and all creation
may know your justice and love.**

(Time of silent reflection)

Hear, believe, and trust your new name:

In Jesus Christ, my name is Forgiven.

*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. 581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Solange Bobga Akinmolayan

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

Page No. 604

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 29

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

A Story of Abundance

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Sacred the Body

Hymnal, No. 27

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**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.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace

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

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Lead Me, Guide Me Hymnal, No. 740

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

*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 23: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21.

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **January is canned soup and chili.** 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.

412 God, Reveal Your Presence

1 God, re - veal your pres - ence: glad - ly we a - dore you,
 2 In God's ho - ly pres - ence, hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Foun - tain of all bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it;

and with awe ap - pear be - fore you. Ho - ly is your tem -
 see the crowds the throne sur - round - ing: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -
 all my trust is in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly an -

ple: all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly bow with deep - est
 ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es
 gels on your glo - ry gaz - ing, we a - dore, ho - san - nas

rev - erence. You a - lone now we own as our
 blend - ing. Turn your ear to us here; hear, O
 rais - ing. Let your will ev - er still rule your

God and Sav - ior: praise your name for - ev - er!
 Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.
 church ter - res - trial, as the hosts ce - les - tial.

Sacred the Body

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Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

1 Sa - cred the bod - y God has cre - at - ed,
 2 Bod - ies are var - ied, made in all siz - es,
 3 Love re - spects per - sons, bod - ies and bound - aries.
 4 Ho - ly of ho - lies, God ev - er lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b F7 B^b Cm7 Fsus F

tem - ple of Spir - it that dwells deep in - side.
 pale, full of col - or; both frag - ile and strong.
 Love does not bat - ter, ne - glect, or a - buse.
 make us your tem - ples; in - dwell all we do.

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

Cher - ish each per - son; nur - ture re - la - tion.
 Ho - ly the dif - ference, gift of the Mak - er,
 Love touch - es gent - ly, nev - er co - erc - ing.
 May we be care - ful, ten - der and car - ing,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
 E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b

1-3 4

Treat flesh as ho - ly, that love may a - bide.
 so let us hon - or each sto - ry and song.
 Love leaves the oth - er with pow - er to choose.
 so may our bod - ies give hon - or to you.

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Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D)
 Refrain E^b (A7) B^b7 (Em) Fm

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) B^b (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) B^b7 (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b *Fine*

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) E^b (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (A7) B^b7 (Em) Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) B^b (D) E^b (D) E^b (D7) E^b7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) Fm (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b *to Refrain*

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.