



Community Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
29 January 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Call to Worship

(One) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. We too now see this glorious light.

(All) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

(One) We have been called out of darkness. We too now see this glorious light.

(All) Like the Magi, we have beheld Christ's glory—His glory as the only Son of the Father.

(One) For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. Christ is the King of all nations. Christ is Lord over all creation.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm *Psalm 15*

(One) O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

(All) Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

(One) who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

(All) in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

(One) who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

***Hymn (461)** *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

(1) Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love whate'er you love,
and do what you would do.

(2) Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

(3) Breathe on me, breath of God,
so that your will is mine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.

(4) Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Prayer of Confession

(All) God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence

Response

Hear Our Prayer O'Lord

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1-8

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

***Taizé Chant**

The Kingdom of God

*The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your Kingdom.*

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespases)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

His Eye is On the Sparrow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intergenerational Study of the Bible for Youth

Our intergenerational study of the Bible meets tonight **Sunday, January 29th from 4:00pm to 6:30pm in Darley Hall** (*note the length is one hour longer*). Tonight, we'll be finishing *The Ten Commandments*. A bowl-ognese dinner will be offered with the movie. Participants are encouraged to bring microwave popcorn and movie snacks.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us for our weekly Bible Study on **February 1st at its usual time—5:00-6:30pm in Darley Hall** and on Zoom. This week, we'll be look at the Apocryphal additions to Daniel: Azariah, Susanna, and Bel and the Dragon.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast is happening this week on Groundhogs Day, **Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00am**.

Next **Sunday, February 5th** we'll celebrate the Eucharist and have our first of the month potluck. Decorations will be in a Valentines theme, so let's see if you can work that into your potluck dish. ;)

Cost of Discipleship Lenten Reading Group

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and will continue until Easter Sunday, April 9th. This Lenten season, you're invited to join Jason on Tuesdays (time to be determined) in Darley Hall and on Zoom as we explore *The Cost of Discipleship*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

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THE BEATITUDES

Matthew 5

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you
and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account.

SCRIPTURES

Micah 6:1-8

6:1 Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

6:2 Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

6:3 "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

6:4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

6:5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

6:6 "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

6:7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

6:8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

1:18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1:19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

1:20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

1:22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

1:23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1:25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1:26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

1:27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

1:28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

1:29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

1:30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

1:31 in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Matthew 5:1-12

5:1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

5:2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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5:11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.