



# Community Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
4 February 2024

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### \*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 147:1-11, 20c*

(One) Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**(All) The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

(One) He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

**(All) He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

(One) Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**(All) The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

(One) Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

**(All) He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.**

(One) He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

**(All) His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. Praise the LORD!**

\*Hymn (598)

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

(1) Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose Word cannot be broken  
formed you for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
you may smile at all your foes.

(2) See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply your sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

(3) Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear,  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near!  
Thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which God gives them on their way.

(4) Savior, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in your name.  
Fading are the world's best pleasures,  
all its bloated pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasures  
none but Zion's children know

### **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**

### **Communal Assurance of Pardon**

(All) In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, our sins have been washed away by the blood of the Lamb and we have been set free and reconciled with our Creator. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 40:21-31*

### **New Testament Reading**

*1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

### **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 1:29-39*

### **Sermon**

### **\*Hymn (544)**

*The Church's One Foundation*

(1) The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation,  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

(2) Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

(3) Though with a scornful wonder  
we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed:  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

(4) 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore,  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

(5) Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## 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

### \*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

### Passing of the Peace

### Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespases)

## SENDING

### Charge

### Benediction

### Postlude

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# SCRIPTURES

## **Isaiah 40:21-31**

40:21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

40:22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

40:23 who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

40:24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

40:25 To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

40:26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

40:27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

40:29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

40:30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

40:31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## **1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

9:16 If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!

9:17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission.

9:18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

9:19 For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

9:20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law.

9:21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law.

9:22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.

9:23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**Mark 1:29-39**

1:29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

1:30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

1:31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

1:32 That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.

1:33 And the whole city was gathered around the door.

1:34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

1:35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

1:36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

1:37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

1:38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."

1:39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.