



Community Presbyterian Church

First Sunday after Epiphany
12 January 2025

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 29

(One) Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

(All) Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

(One) The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

(All) The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

(One) The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

(All) He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

(One) The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

(All) The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

(One) The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

(All) The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

(One) May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

***African-American Spiritual**

The Good Old Way

Chorus

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

Verses

(1) O brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on brothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

- (2) O sisters...
- (3) O fathers...
- (4) O mothers...
- (5) O children...

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

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

**New Testament Reading
Gospel Reading**

*Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

Sermon

***Hymn (68)**

Come Thou Fount

(1) Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--
name of God's redeeming love.

(2) Here I raise to thee an altar,
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

(3) O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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

(One) In Your mercy ...

(All) ... **Hear our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

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SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 43:1-7

43:1

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

43:2

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

43:3

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

43:4

Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

43:5

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

43:6

I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--"

43:7

everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

8:15

The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit

8:16

(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

8:17

Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

3:16

John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

3:17

His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

3:21

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,

3:22

and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."