



# Community Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
23 February 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 37:1-11*

(One) Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

**(All) Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land, and enjoy security.**

(One) Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

**(All) He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

(One) Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

**(All) Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil.**

(One) For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

**(All) Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

(One) But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

**\*Hymn (71)** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

(1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near, join me  
in glad adoration!

(2) Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously  
reigning; sheltering you under his wings, and so gently  
sustaining! Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

(3) Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and  
defend you: surely his goodness and mercy shall daily  
attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with  
his love he befriends you.

(4) Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before  
him. Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly  
forever adore him.

**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** *Genesis 45:3-11, 15*  
**New Testament Reading** *1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50*  
**Gospel Reading** *Luke 6:27-38*

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn (48)** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

(1) Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

(2) Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

(3) To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

(4) Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth 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**

(One) In Your mercy ...

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (sins/trespass)

## **SENDING**

### **Charge**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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## **SCRIPTURES**

### **Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

45:4

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

45:5

And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

45:6

For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

45:7

God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors.

45:8

So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

45:9

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay.

45:10

You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

45:11

I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.'

45:15

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

### **1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

15:36

Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

15:37

And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

15:38

But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body.

15:42

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

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It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

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Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

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But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual.

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The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven.

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As was one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as is one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.

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Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

15:50

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

### **Luke 6:27-38**

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you;

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bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you.

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If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

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Give to everyone who ask of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again.

6:31

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

6:32

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

6:33

If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

6:34

If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

6:35

Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

6:36

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

6:37

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;

6:38

give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."