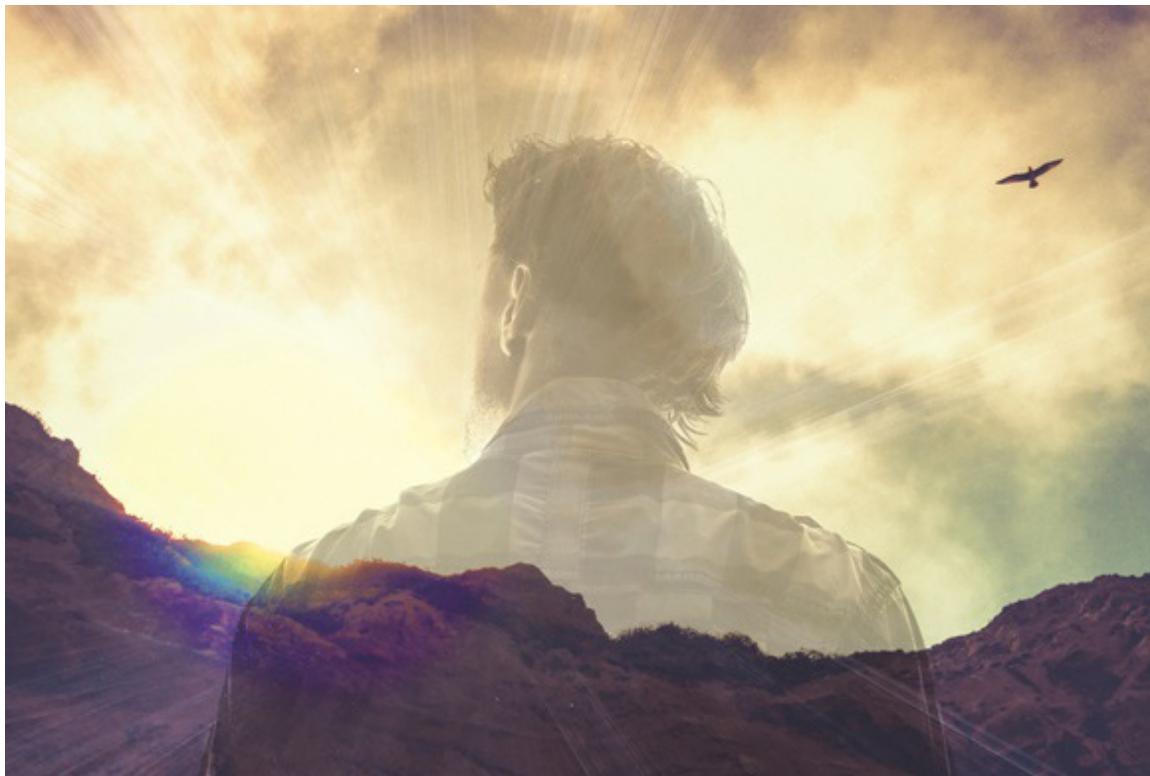


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



February 27, 2022

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response,

* indicates please stand, if able.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 99

The Holy One Reigns! Let the people tremble!

The Holy One is great! Holy is God!

Praise the Holy One our God, and worship at God's holy mountain.

For the Holy One our God is holy.

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity.

You have brought forth righteousness and justice.

You led your people and spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.

Alleluia! God of love, lead us by your light,

transform us by your grace, that we may truly follow Christ. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN GTG 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

vs. 1, 2, & 3



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
2 Come, Ho - ly Sun of heaven - ly love, rain down your
3 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as



ter - nal bring - ing light; O Light of Light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward
clear as morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide



liv - ing spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.
shin - ing bright, our souls un - shad - owed by the night.

CONFESSION AND AFFIRMATION

Let us open our hearts to God.

God, for the ways in which your light shines in us, we give you thanks.

Silent prayer

For the ways in which we hide that light, we ask forgiveness and healing.

Silent prayer

**God of grace, we give thanks that you forgive our sin entirely,
and lead us from darkness to light, from death to life,
in the grace of your Christ Jesus. Amen.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Light of Christ, shine on us. May we behold your beauty, trust your grace, and listen for your voice. Light of Christ, shine in us, that we may be radiant with your love, in this moment and to eternal life. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:1, 4:5-6

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.... For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, I Know I Been Changed
Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Larry Shackley

CPC Choir

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:18-36

Jesus began to warn his disciples of his impending arrest, persecution, and death. Then he said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Changed

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY Christ on the Mountain Height Tune: *Fairest Lord Jesus*
**Christ on the mountain height, radiant with God’s delight,
shining with love and mercy bright,
from fear and death released, we come in thanks to feast
upon your resurrection’s light.**

**Jesus, Beloved One, bright as Easter's rising sun,
called to listen and follow you,
fearless of pain or loss, help us to bear your cross
with love's pure light in all we do.**

**Savior and dearest friend, Law and Prophet's fullest end,
strengthened by love, by the Spirit drawn,
feed us with courage, Lord. Help us to live your Word
and trust in Easter's promised dawn.**

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION OF DEACONS
AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS**

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given the gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Renunciations

Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Let us pray: We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism, and that by your grace we are born anew. By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

Remember your baptism, and be thankful. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Constitutional Questions for Officers

Laying on of Hands with prayer

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants, whom you called through baptism as your own, and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living, and rightly govern your people.

Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit, to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith, and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Heart of heavenly Love, hallowed be your name.
your harmony come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the peace, the potential, and the praise are yours, now and forever. Amen

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 648

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - ery - one what



God has done. Let ev - ery - one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your



prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of



thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

You are being sent:

To catch people with Good News.

To lure them with Love.

You are blessed. You are loved.

Your roots are firmly planted in the Water of Life,
in the stream that never runs dry.

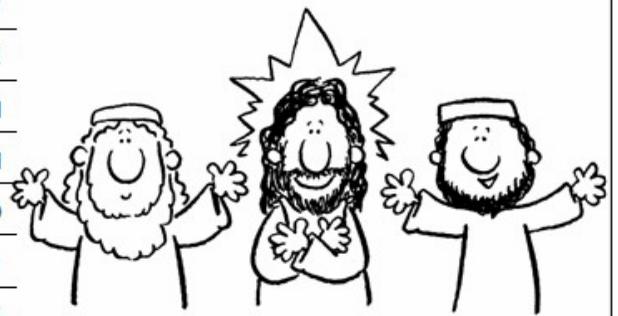
Shower the world with Love -
and watch as the Beloved Garden blossoms.

Go in peace, and walk wet, always. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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PETER PRAY MOSES SLEEP	JOHN ASPECT ELIJAH TENTS	JAMES FACE GLORY VOICE	MOUNTAIN BRILLIANT LIGHTNING LISTEN
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Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2nd. There will be an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 pm that evening. During Lent, daily devotions will be available “to expand and deepen your spiritual walk through Lent.” One way to receive them is through daily texts. Please see the information to the right about signing up for texts/notifications. There will also be a tutorial on signing up after worship today.

We will also have different daily messages on Facebook. Check it out!

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our friends at Gage East!

We have three opportunities to be involved:

1. Make St. Patty's Day themed snacks at home. Recipes and ingredients will be supplied.
2. Get together at church to pre-cut crafts for kids 5-15, and make prizes for a St. Patty's Day treasure hunt. As many as can attend will be welcome! Gage East staff Bel Pool will provide supplies and come in person to help. Time and date tbd.
3. Volunteer at the party, Thursday, March 17, 4:30-5:30.

Pick a way to receive messages for Daily Texts:

- A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:
rmd.at/ga2hfb
Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.
- B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @ga2hfb to the number 81010. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @ga2hfb to (608) 467-4108.

Note: you'll be asked if you are a student (s) or a parent (p). Choose either one. The application was designed for schools, but will work for our purposes.

* Standard text message rates apply.



About this Resource

Lent is a season that invites us deeper into intentional living. This tool is designed to help you do just that. Use this worksheet to help you reflect on where you are in your life and how you hope to grow throughout this Lenten season.

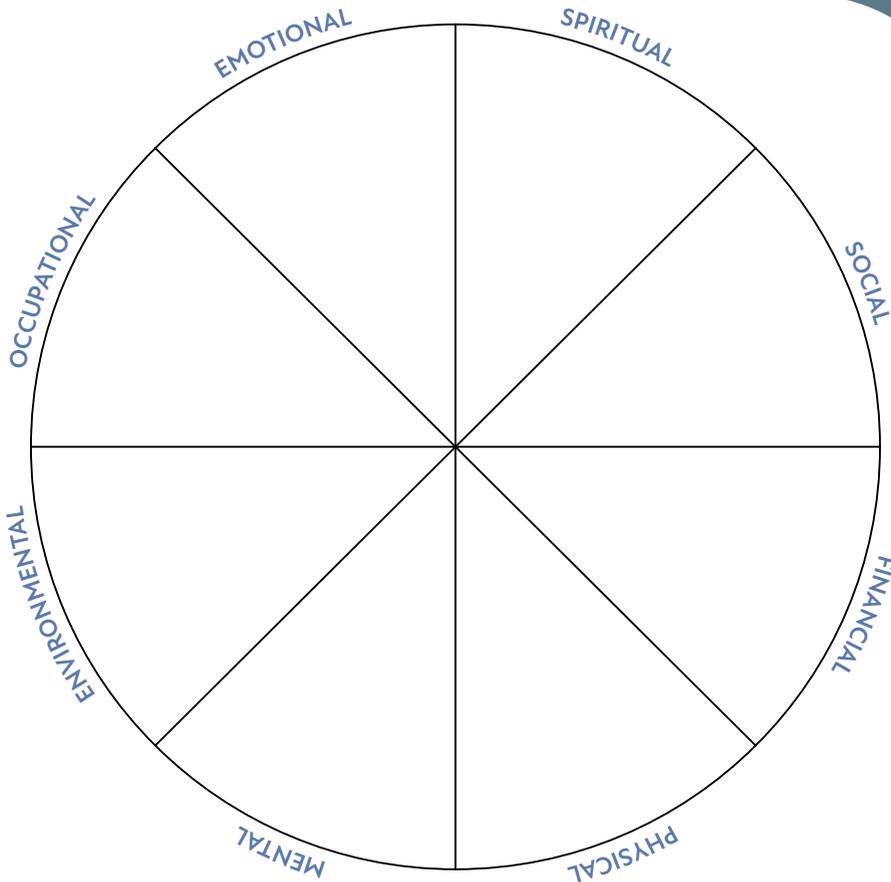
What is an Expansive Life?

ex-pan-sive

The formal definition of expansive is extensive or wide-ranging, spacious and all-embracing. From a spiritual standpoint, we add to that definition. Expansive living is a life that reflects the fullness that comes from right relationships with God, yourself, and others. This will look different for everyone, but might be marked by awe and gratitude, a sense of self-worth rooted in God's love, meaning and purpose in one's life, loving relationships, and joy that comes from using your God-given gifts.

Wellness Wheel

Wellness wheels have been used as a meaningful reflective tool for years. By inviting ourselves to reflect on individual components of our life, we see a more holistic image of ourselves, which allows us to live more intentionally.



Within each section of the wheel, respond to the following prompts:

- **EMOTIONAL:** What emotions do you feel day to day? Which are prominent?
- **SPIRITUAL:** Where are you in your faith journey? Do you have practices nurturing your faith? How are you living from your values?
- **SOCIAL:** What are the positive and healthy relationships in your life? Where would you like to grow? Where do you need to draw boundaries?
- **FINANCIAL:** What is your current financial state, and what emotions or desires does that bring up?
- **PHYSICAL:** How are you taking care of your body? What does your body need?
- **MENTAL:** Are you mentally stimulated? Learning new things? Honing new skills? Curating the information you take in from social media or the news?
- **ENVIRONMENTAL:** Does your home and/or work environment allow you to thrive? Does where you live feel like home?
- **OCCUPATIONAL:** How does your current work use your gifts? How satisfied are you with your vocation? What is your calling?

Takeaway Reflections

1. What did you learn about yourself in this process?
2. What are you bringing with you into this Lenten season?
3. What areas of your wellness wheel feel expansive and beautiful, and what areas do you want to focus on in the future?

This resource can also be found in our March newsletter! Pick one up today!

Expansive Life

You've filled out the wellness wheel. You have a picture of what your life looks like currently. Now, imagine how your life might become more expansive. What does a "full to the brim" life filled with meaning, purpose, faith, awe, beauty, and relationships look like for you? How would you describe a life that full of goodness? In order to live an expansive life, what needs to change? What do you need to take on? What do you need to let go of? Draw or write your reflections below.

Next Steps

Name three small things you want to focus on this Lent to help you draw closer to God and the wildly beautiful life God invites you to lead:

Closing Prayer

God of new life,

We know that you want more for us than the rat race of work-sleep-eat-repeat.

In our fiercely independent and competitive world, living a life any other way feels almost impossible.

Remind us that you ate meals around tables.

Remind us that you demonstrated radical generosity.

Remind us that you took quiet time on the mountainside by yourself.

Remind us that you opened doors and said, "Come on in!"

Remind us that you created friendships that transformed.

This is the life you modeled, and it's the life we long to lead.

Holy God, help us tap into this deeper and more expansive way of living.

Help us use this season of Lent as an intentional one.

Starting today, help us build a life not measured by to-do lists, but measured by love.

With hope we pray, amen.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, February 27

Installation and Ordination Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

10:30 am Digital Texts Tutorial

10:35 am Book Discussion Group

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, March 1

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

7:00 pm Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, March 2

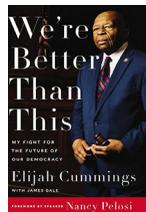
6:30 am Prayer Group

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Sunday, March 6

9:30 am Worship with Communion
(Onsite and Online)

The Book Discussion Group will meet today at 10:30 am (after the daily text tutorial) to discuss *We're Better Than This* by Elijah Cummings. All are welcome to join in this discussion!



Online Worship: Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>

+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

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Mark Pillers' parents, Lars and June

Sue Chipman

Bonnie Kinion

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