CommunityPresbyterian Church

January 21, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: Bold indicates congregational response,

* indicates please stand, if able



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions. God calls us here to worship.

We are here to worship.

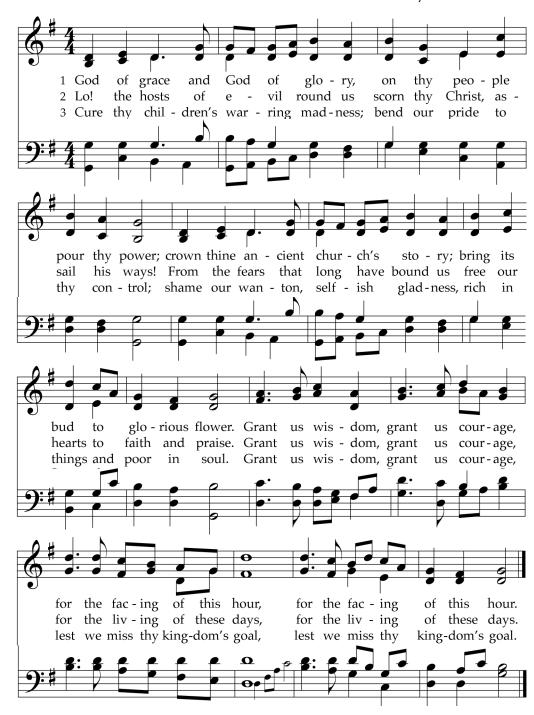
Drop your nets and leave your boats.

God is with us. Jesus calls us.

We are here to worship.

Let us worship God together.





CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Jesus calls to us: change your hearts and change your lives! Repent, and believe the good news. The mercy and forgiveness we have already received enables us to be honest about the places in our lives in need of transformation. Let us confess our sin together.

God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh.

We have gotten comfortable in our categories:

haves and have-nots, makers and takers, bigots and bystanders, self-starters and subordinates, law-abiders and illegals, the perpetrators and the innocent.

We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and exploitation. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries.

Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Call to us again, and show us your mercy. Let us hear your good news again. Amen.

God desires relationship with us, and reconciliation for all of creation. Jesus comes bearing the good news of forgiveness and transformation. Receive the good news of God's grace: We are forgiven!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God who creates us and calls to us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to hear your Word, and embolden us to respond faithfully as we seek to follow Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 62:5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; **God is a refuge for us.**

Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

SPECIAL MUSIC

There Is a Fountain

Glenna Muir

Early American Melody arranged by Mark Hayes

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

A new teaching, with authority! Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Carla

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



OFFERING

An offering plate is placed near the back of the room to receive your offerings and is available before, during and shortly following the service.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, change our hearts and our lives. Renew us by your good news. Use the gifts we bring for your holy work of transformation, as we seek to go where Jesus leads us. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE God, our Savior, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 721

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Lord.

Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

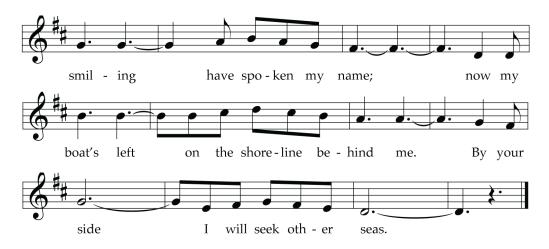
Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

1 Lord, you have come to the lake shore look - ing 2 You know so well my sions; my boat pos - ses 3 You need my hands, full of through my car ing, who have fished oth -4 You. ev - er er 0 ceans, ther for wealth - y nor wise nei you on - ly ones; ries gold and no you will car weap - ons; give oth-ers and con - stant la bors rest longed for souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing asked fol low hum bly. me to find there my nets and la bor. love that keeps lov on ing. friend, as thus call you me: Refrain

with your eyes you have searched me,

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and while



*CHARGE AND BLESSING

The God who called us here today is calling us out from this place and into the world. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us follow where Jesus leads, sharing God's love and grace with a world that is groaning for redemption.

As we go, may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of our parent God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, today and always.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

© Presbyterian Outlook, 2024 Liturgy written by Stephanie Sorge and provided for free distribution.

Join the book discussion group today after worship to discuss *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.





The **Annual Meeting** of the congregation will be Sunday, **January 28th, after worship.**

All are needed to remember the year that has passed and look forward to 2024. The budget will be gone over, in addition to reports for all areas of the church.

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Sunday, January 21

9:30 am Worship- Onsite and Online

10:40 am Book Discussion Group

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday, January 22

9:30 am Mission Prayer Group

Tuesday, January 23

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

6:30 pm Session Meeting (v)

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, January 24

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, January 25

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Saturday, January 27

Building Usage: Non-Profit Event

Sunday, January 28

9:30 am Worship-Onsite and Online

10:40 am Annual Meeting

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal Jane and Ed Burgstaler family, especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa

Shannon Cisewski

Ron Murray

Dick and Nancy Massaro

Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline

Glenna Muir

Mary Alice Richardson

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