



January 28, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

**Great are your works, O Lord,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

verses 1 & 4

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'All Creatures of Our God and King'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain
and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.

Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 111 from *Psalms for Praying* by Nan C. Merrill

Praise the Beloved, O my soul!

I will give thanks to You with my whole heart,
to all who will listen, I will tell of your goodness.

Wondrous is Creation, Great Builder;

I take pleasure in pondering your Work.

Full of honor and integrity are your teachings;
those who follow them will find new life.

You lift the hearts of those who suffer;

You come to them in their need.

Your steadfast Love is food for the soul,
nourishment in times of fear.

**You are ever-mindful of your covenant,
a very Presence to the weary and afflicted.**

Your Voice is truth to those with ears to hear, your precepts are sure;
Written on the hearts of your people,
they are to be lived forever with faith-filled love and assurance.

You bring new life to the world;

Yes! life in abundance is your gift to us.

Holy and glorious is your Name!

Reverence for You, O Holy One, is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have all who practice it.

Your Spirit endures forever!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mark Neville

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 21-28

The Message Bible

Then they entered Capernaum. When the Sabbath arrived, Jesus lost no time in getting to the meeting place. He spent the day there teaching. They were surprised at his teaching—so forthright, so confident—not quibbling and quoting like the religion scholars.

Suddenly, while still in the meeting place, he was interrupted by a man who was deeply disturbed and yelling out, “What business do you have here with us, Jesus? Nazarene! I know what you’re up to! You’re the Holy One of God, and you’ve come to destroy us!”

Jesus shut him up: “Quiet! Get out of him!” The afflicting spirit threw the man into spasms, protesting loudly—and got out.

Everyone there was spellbound, buzzing with curiosity. “What’s going on here? A new teaching that does what it says? He shuts up defiling, demonic spirits and tells them to get lost!” News of this traveled fast and was soon all over Galilee.

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

SERMON

Pastor Carla

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

OFFERING

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

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 205

Live in Charity

sing three times

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With gratitude for God’s faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Mother, our Father, giver of life, Holiness of Presence; may our hearts always bow to you.

Your Realm break forth, your delight blossom among us, making this earth your heaven.

Give us each moment our life, our breath.

Free us from being judged, as we free others from our judgments.

Guide us safely past our desires and attachments, and rescue us from the power of evil.

For the world is yours; the only real power is yours;

Creation’s splendor is yours, in this present moment, and in eternity. Amen.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 300

We Are One in the Spirit



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God’s on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Let us go from this place trusting that in Jesus Christ God is with us and for us in every place.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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**ANNUAL
MEETING**



The **Annual Meeting** of the congregation is today **after worship**.

All are needed to remember 2023 and look forward to 2024. The budget will be gone over, in addition to reports for all areas of the church.

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

Sunday, January 28

9:30 am Worship- Onsite and Online

10:40 am Annual Meeting

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday-Wednesday

Pastor Carla will be out of the office,
completing some continuing education.

Tuesday, January 30

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, January 31

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, February 1

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Saturday, February 3

Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, February 4

9:30 am Worship with Communion
- Onsite and Online

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
Roland Ronningen and his parents

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