

Community Presbyterian Church
open hearted, open minded



February 4, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God gathers us together in this place.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

God lifts the downtrodden and casts out wickedness.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

We sing to God with thanksgiving.

Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN GTG 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

vs. 1, 2 & 5



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God our Creator knows us each by name and knows our hearts. Let us confess our sins before our God, who desires to save us and set us free.

**Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in,
to hide from the injustices of the world,
to protect ourselves and our own,
to turn off the evening news full of bad news.
Forgive our sins of escape,
of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need.
Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action.
Renew us, Holy God, by your grace.
Strengthen us to follow Christ's call. Amen.**

“The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.”
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 147:1–11, 20c

Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God, for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds,

prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the animals their food and to the young ravens when they cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:16–23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a wage, but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my wage? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might gain all the more. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not outside God's law but am within Christ's law) so that I might gain those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I might become a partner in it.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29–39

As soon as they[a] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

SERMON

Pastor Julie

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 834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger



stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near; when my life is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I



light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With joy and gratitude for all we have been given, let us offer our tithes and gifts to God.

O God, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

EUCCHARIST PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

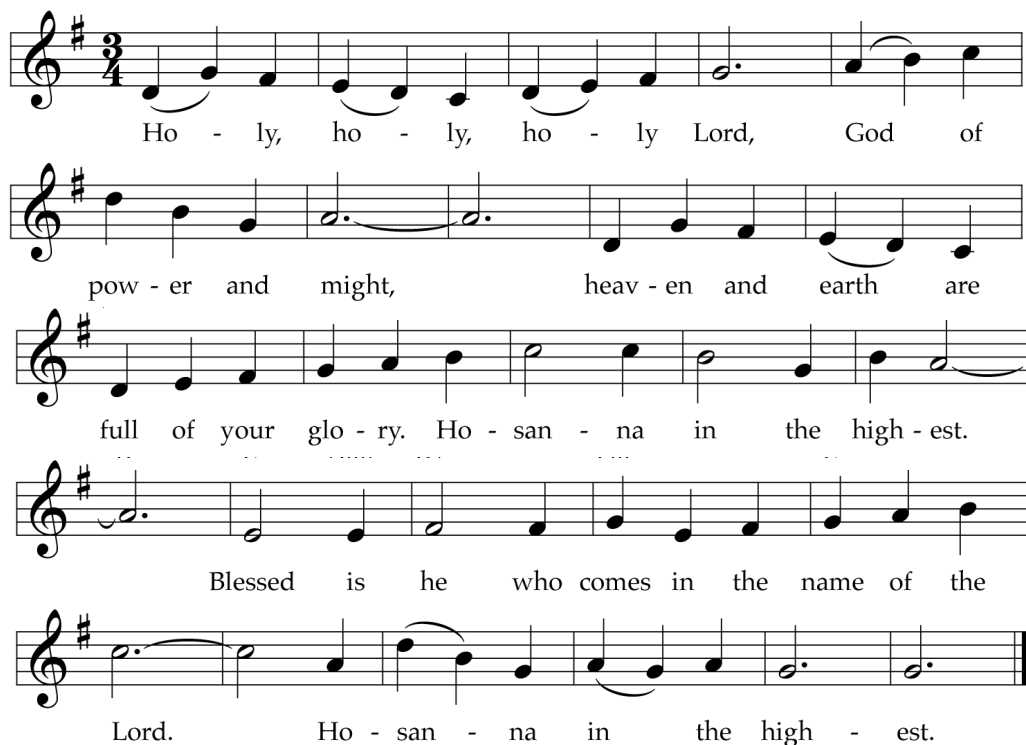
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG 572

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.

Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity,

hold the cup until all are served so that we might partake together.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 471

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

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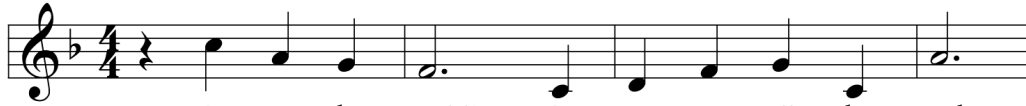
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 295

Go to the World!



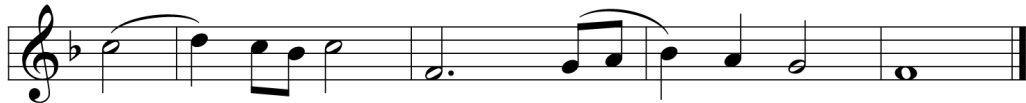
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

“Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

Isaiah 40:31

They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

They shall run and not be weary.”

Friends, receive and believe in this good news! God is our refuge and our strength.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer and

Sustainer be with us all, now and forever.

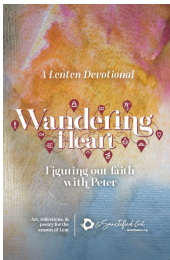
Amen. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Parts of the liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution.
Additional parts of the liturgy are from *Call to Worship*.

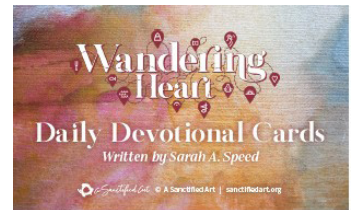


Lent is coming quickly!
Ash Wednesday is February 14.
Worship will be at 6:30 pm.



Printed Lenten Devotionals will be available beginning February 11, so everyone can start using it on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

A pack of Daily Devotional Cards can also be picked up beginning February 11th. These include a question and a prayer for each day. These cards are likely to be used as a resource for the Daily Texts.



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.

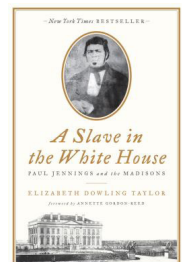
If you received daily texts in the past, you're likely still on the list and you don't need to re-sign up.

* Standard text message rates apply.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The book for February is *A Slave in the White House* by Elizabeth Dowling Taylor. The discussion will be held on February 18, following worship.



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Sunday, February 4

9:30 am Worship with Communion
- Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday-Wednesday

Pastor Carla will be in the office, participating in an online retreat.

Monday, February 5

9:30 am Mission Prayer Group

Tuesday, February 6

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

6:30 pm Christian Education Committee

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, February 7

9:00 am Prayer Group (**Note: the new time!**)

Thursday, February 8

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, February 11

9:30 am Worship - 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
Roland Ronningen and his parents

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