

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.

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

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
 all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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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

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

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will
la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
find there my nets and la - bor.
love that keeps on lov - ing.
friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
 boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your
 side I will seek oth - er seas.

***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

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 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.



ANNUAL MEETING



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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