

January 21, 2024
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE "Sarabande in c" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Sing to the Lord a new song; Ps. 96:1
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
For God alone my soul waits in silence. Ps. 62:5, 12
Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.
Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. Luke 4:18, 21
May the word of God be fulfilled among us.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #463 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 3:2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For failing to love others as you have loved us . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**
For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**
For plundering the earth and abusing the planet . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**
For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**
For losing heart and abandoning hope . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**
For all the ways we turn from you . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**
We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Rom. 6:8, 11
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Mary Garland Jackson

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Heb. 13:16

OFFERTORY "Valse No. 3" Schubert

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith
(United States, 1991)

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jonah 3:1-5, 10 O.T. page 664

PSALM Psalm 62:5-12

For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.
God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

GTG = Glory to God (purple)

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Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 N.T. page 130

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14-20 N.T. page 27

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Rom. 10:8

This is the word of faith that we proclaim.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Come Now and Follow Me" Besig / Price

SERMON "Follow Me..." Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #721 PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

+BLESSING John 16:12-15

May the God of glory,
the Lord of life,
and the Spirit of truth
be with you all.
Amen.

+CHARGE 2 Pet. 3:18

Grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory
both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.
Thanks be to God.

+CHORAL BENEDICTION BENEDICTION
"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

POSTLUDE "Etude in g" Rachmaninoff

You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Debbie Shellenbarger
Greeters: Tom and Tonya Seely
Sound: Timothy Pinches
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond

Today's flowers are given by
Sue Riley
in memory of Donovan Riley

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CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#68. Ephesians:

Paul may have written his letter to the Christians in Ephesus while under house arrest in Rome. It was probably his final letter to a whole congregation. (c. AD 61-66)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 124. What prayer serves as our rule or pattern?

Our rule or pattern is found in the Lord's Prayer, which Jesus taught to his disciples:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

These words express everything that we may desire and expect from God.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:15 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Leutscher Jan. 24
Sloane St. George Jan. 27

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The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew
by Duccio di Buoninsegna, c. 1310

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*