



**commit your work to the LORD and
your plans will be established** *Proverbs 16:3*

INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 5, 2023



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Let your light shine before others. ~ Jesus

When we bring what is within out into the world, miracles happen.

~ Henry David Thoreau

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Matthew 5)*

Jesus said: You are the light of the world.
Let our light shine, giving glory to God.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 112)*

*Happy are those who fear the Lord.
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.*

Steady us we pray, as we praise you.

Secure our hearts, Holy One, and bless this generation.

Steady us, we pray, and keep us faithful:

**to give freely to the poor,
to delight in your commandments,
to do business for the sake of justice,
to live by grace and generosity.**

Steady us, we pray, to fear no evil.

Secure our hearts, Holy One, and bless this world.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING

GTG #287

by Wilson Niwagila

NJOO KEWTU, ROHO MWEMA

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We are known and loved and forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***INSTRUMENTAL**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Janet Dular

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12

(NRSV)

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 5:13-20

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A GROUNDED FAITH

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Confession of Belhar*)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

... joining our song with all creation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARIST

GO IN GRACE AND MAKE DISCIPLES

GTG #296

by Mary Louise Bringle

WONDROUS LIGHT

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ **SENDING** ~

***HYMN**

LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS

GTG #314

by Bernadette Farrell

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING**

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

GTG #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

Verse 1

POSTLUDE

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