



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

# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Racial & Intercultural Justice Sunday ~ January 15, 2023*



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*The masses of [people] live with their backs constantly against the wall. They are the poor, the disinherited, the dispossessed. What does our religion say to them?*

~ Howard Thurman, *Jesus and the Disinherited*

## ~ *GATHERING* ~

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(John 1:36, 39)*

Look, here is the Lamb of God:  
**Jesus calls us: Come and see.**

### PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and our Lord Jesus Christ!

We are the church:  
**sanctified in Christ Jesus,  
called to be saints.**

We are the church:  
**together with those in every place  
who call on the name of Jesus Christ.**

We are the church:  
**Come, let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

GTG #729

African American spiritual

### 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 *(continued on next page)*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have been timid and unreliable  
witnesses of Jesus Christ. Forgive us...**

**...for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate,**

**...for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,**

**...for the times we have hoarded our abundance,**

**...for the times we have turned away from your children in need.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(continued)*

For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ.

**Amen.** [*Silent Confession*]

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY  
American folk melody

GTG #551  
LAND OF REST

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**\*INSTRUMENTAL**

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**HEBREW BIBLE**

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

(NRSV)

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

**GOSPEL LESSON**

JOHN 1:29-42

(NRSV)

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

**ANTHEM**

**WADE IN THE WATER**

Sweet Honey in the Rock  
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

**SERMON**

JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED

