

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

# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*Sunday, January 22, 2023*



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*In our family, there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing.  
~ Norman Maclean, *A River Runs Through It**

## ~ GATHERING ~

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Matthew 4)*

And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”  
**Immediately they left their nets and followed him.**

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 27)*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

I seek to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**To behold the beauty of God, and to seek in God’s sanctuary.**

Now my head is lifted up, and I will make offerings and shouts of joy.

**In the household of God, we will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Come, let us worship God.

#### \*HYMN

JESUS CALLS US  
by Cecil Frances Alexander

GTG #720  
GALILEE

### 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)*

**Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world. Amen. *[Silent Confession]***

#### \*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY  
American folk melody

GTG #551  
LAND OF REST

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve, let us answer Christ's call.  
**Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, teaches us. Thanks be to God!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**\*INSTRUMENTAL**

**MINUTE FOR FELLOWSHIP**

**~ THE WORD ~**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE READING** 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18 (NRSV)

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

**HYMN** WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT GTG #300  
THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE  
by Peter Scholtes

**GOSPEL LESSON** MATTHEW 4:12-23 (NRSV)

**SERMON** THE GOSPEL & FISHING STORIES

**~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*From A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.** (*continued next page*)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(continued)*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

~ **SENDING** ~

*Many of us would probably be better fisherman if we didn't spend so much time watching and waiting for the world to become perfect. ~ Norman Maclean*

**\*HYMN**

YOU WALK ALONG OUR SHORELINE

GTG #170

by Sylvia G. Dunstan    WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING**

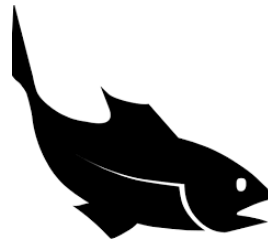
GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

GTG #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

*Verse 1*

**POSTLUDE**



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