



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

INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 29, 2023



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*The word of God is like the light of the sun, it illuminates beautiful things,
but also things which we would rather not see. ~ Saint Óscar Romero*

~ *GATHERING* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Micah 6:8*)

And what does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 15*)

Who shall abide in in God's sanctuary?

O God of dwelling,

bless this house by your holy presence.

Help us to abide with you and to do what is right:

to spread the truth, to stand by our promises,

to honor one another, to defend the innocent,

to lend help, to respect you.

O God, help us to abide with you and to do what is right.

May we dwell with you forever.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

GTG #19

by Natalie Sleeth; arr. Beverly A. Howard

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**

Merciful God, we fail to do what is right. Instead, we pursue evil do not speak the truth. Even when we try our best to be faithful, still we turn away from you. Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us, that we may seek to do what you call good. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody

LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ is the one who was born for us and forgives us with abundant love.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***INSTRUMENTAL**

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

MICAH 6:1-8

(NRSV)

HYMN

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

GTG #70

by Jim Strathdee

MOON

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 5:1-12

(NRSV)

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

BLESSED ARE...

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

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

We believe: that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. (*2 Cor. 5*)

We believe: 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. (*Mt 5*)

We believe: that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; (*Is. 42*)

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

We believe: that God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; *(Lk 4)*

We believe: that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; *(Micah 6)*

We believe: that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands; namely against injustice and with the wronged; *(Ps. 82)*

We believe: that Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE** DOXOLOGY GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

***HYMN** I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY GTG #69
by Daniel L. Shutte HERE I AM (Shutte)

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING** GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN GTG #541
by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH) Verse 1

POSTLUDE



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