

# Nurture Good News

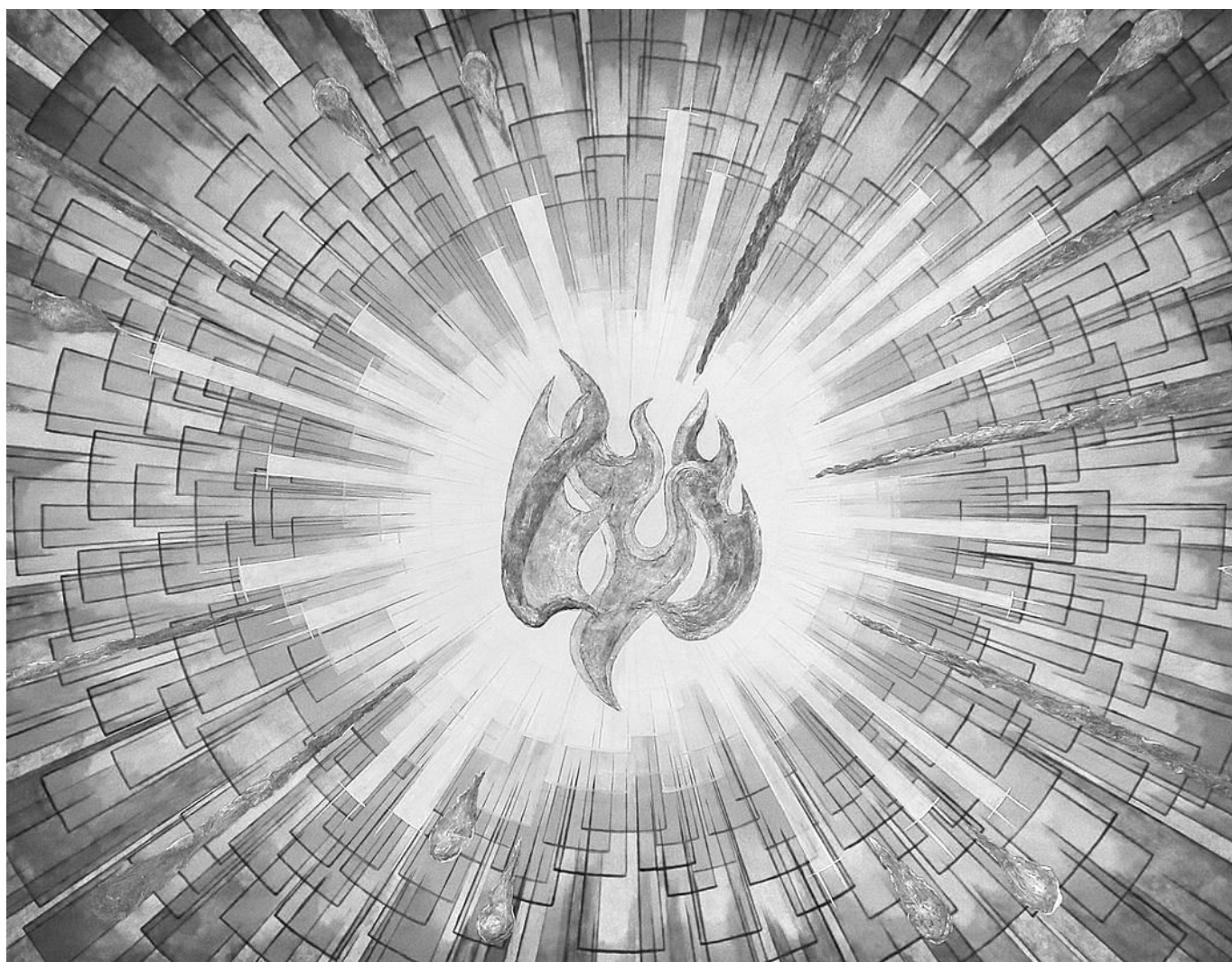
*"For all of you share in God's grace." (Philippians 1:7)*



## INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*Installation and Ordination of Elders and Deacons ~ January 12, 2025*



C.J. Briggs, Music Director  
Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Lauren Somple, Liturgist  
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*Baptism and the Lord's Supper are visible signs of an invisible grace.*

~ Aisha Brooks-Johnson, 8 HABITS OF EVANGELISM: SACRAMENTS

# ~ GATHERING TOGETHER ~

## GATHERING MUSIC

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Philippians 1:3-7)*

I thank God for each of you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers, because of our sharing in the gospel from the first until now.  
**For all of us share in God's grace.**

### RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING ELDERS AND DEACONS

#### 2024 ELDERS AND DEACONS

NANCY JERMANN, DEACON MODERATOR

DEBBIE MESSENGER, DEACON

DAVE RAHN, DEACON

JOE STERN, ELDER

### \*GATHERING

### CALLED AS PARTNERS

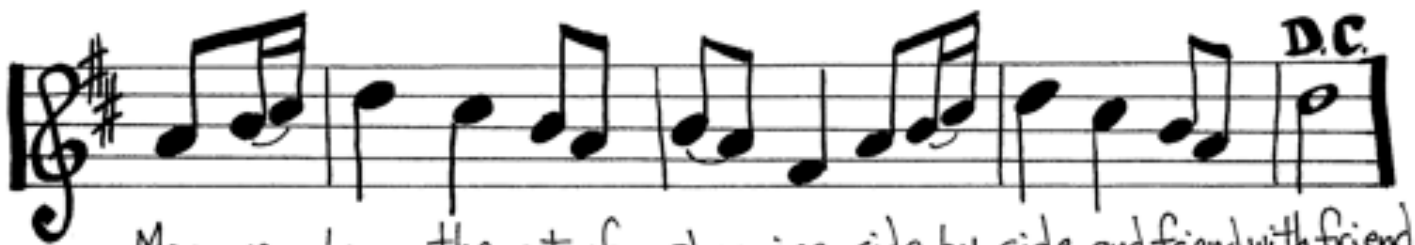
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Verse 1



Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice called to min-is-tries of grace,  
we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
e-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's chosen end.



May we learn the art of shar-ing side by side and friend with friend.



## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own living us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus. Amen.

*[Silent Confession]*

## **\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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Russian Orthodox Chant

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(based on Philippians 1:6-7)*

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

For we all share in the grace of God:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(from Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow)*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **SPREAD THE WORD**

OUTREACH TEAM

**~ SHARING IN THE GOSPEL ~**

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **EPISTLE READING**

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

*Pew Bible p.185(NT)*

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

LUKE 3:15-22

*Pew Bible p.56(NT)*

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

**For all of us share in God's grace.**

## **INTERLUDE**

## **SERMON**

~ *TENDING THE GOOD NEWS* ~

HYMN

CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICES

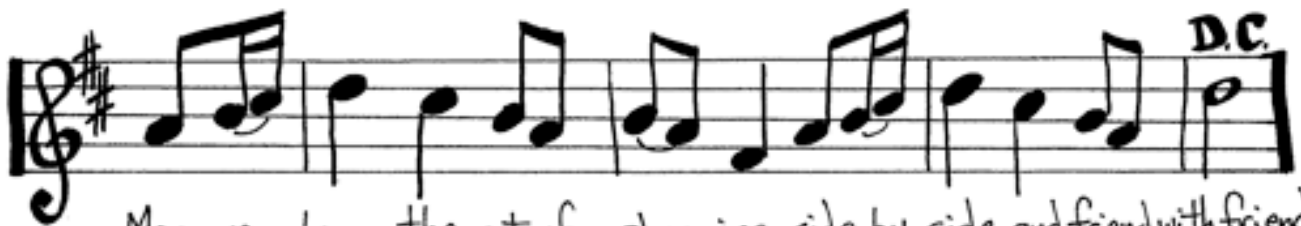
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May we learn the art of shar-ing side by side and friend with friend.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering  
reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and Women, richer, poorer,  
all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together  
gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens,  
breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision  
words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action,  
make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow  
ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow  
with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving  
all hope, confidence, and peace.

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

### 2025-2027 ELDERS AND DEACONS

JOHN BAIR (*2<sup>nd</sup> Term*), ELDER  
BARB CSUTI, DEACON  
SUE LENNY, DEACON  
SARAH MANSBERY, DEACON  
BETH POLANKSY, ELDER  
SHERRY RASMUSSEN, DEACON

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

~ *EUCHARIST* ~

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## SANCTUS

...Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



~ **GOING FORTH TO NURTURE** ~

**\*HYMN**

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR  
African American Spiritual

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**\*BENEDICTION** (*from Philippians 1:7, 9, MSG*)

So this is my prayer:  
that our love may flourish more and more.

**POSTLUDE**



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