

Nurture Good News

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



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 2, 2025



Nada Montgomery, Guest Pianist
Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Colin Barker, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

It is in the sending that we have a chance to depart from the extraordinary experience of worship and enter into our ordinary days with hope, wonder, strength, power and peace.

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

~ **GATHERING TOGETHER** ~

PRELUDE

BLESS THE BEASTS AND THE CHILDREN

Music by DeVorzon and Botkin, Jr. arr. Phillip Keveren

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Psalm 34:8; Philippians 1:7*)

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

For all of us share in God's grace.

***GATHERING**

CALLED AS PARTNERS

GTG #761

by Jane Parker Huber (NETTLETON)

Verse 1

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 34: from Together We Pray: A Prayer Book for Families*)

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

We will bless you Holy Redeemer, at all times;
we will praise you and magnify your holy name.

You hear our cries and take away our fears.

You see our faces and take our shame away.

You heal us to the bone and protect our broken spirits.

We will bless you, Holy Refuge, at all times;
we will praise you and magnify your holy name.

**You make life taste good,
with truth, with peace, with justice.**

You make our faces beam
and our days fill with joy.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

ALL WHO HUNGER GATHER GLADLY

GTG #509

by Sylvia G. Dunstan

HOLY MANNA

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

CHILDREN OF GOD

Let us send our kids with God's love:

May God be with you there.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from your light. We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need of you. We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to stand up and work for the change we would like to see.

Lord, in your strength, renew us and compel us by your invitation that we may work to pursue your justice and mercy for all people, sharing your light in ways great and small. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody

LAND OF REST

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

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

HEBREW BIBLE

EZEKIEL 3:1-4, 10-11

Pew Bible p.725(OT)

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

For all of us share in God's grace.

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 24:13-35

Pew Bible p.84(NT)

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For all of us share in God's grace.

SERMON

LITURGY OF THE ORDINARY

~ *TENDING THE GOOD NEWS* ~

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.

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!”

EUCCHARIST

[SEE INSERT]

~ *GOING FORTH TO NURTURE* ~

***HYMN**

HERE IN THIS PLACE

GTG #401

by Marty Haugen

GATHER US IN

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

So this is my prayer:

that our love may flourish more and more.

POSTLUDE

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Music by Graham Kendrick

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA)

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~ *EUCHARIST* ~

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN

BE KNOWN TO US IN BREAKING BREAD

GTG #500

by James Montgomery

ST. FLAVIAN

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

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION