

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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~ Order of Service ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROCLAMATION

** PRAYER OF THE DAY

**HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION †

God of grace and mercy, you create a new order for our lives: service before success, faith before knowledge, partnership over independence, the cross over the crown. Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world, rejecting your call through our action or inaction. Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world through lens of your great love. Forgive us, God, and grant us peace.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: God forgives us of our sins,

People: **Not because we are righteous, but because God is good.**

Pastor: God calls us to try again,

People: **Not because we are strong, but because God will help us.**

Pastor: God calls us as disciples,

People: **Not because we are worthy, but because we are loved.**

Pastor: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,



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4th Sunday after Epiphany January 29, 2023

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

Worship Leader: Ms Elaine Nucci

Music Director: Steven Yealy; Offertory Anthem: Ione Mathias

Broadcast TV Producer: Brian F. Graff

and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Through the love of God in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**RESPONSE 581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 459 v.1 *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH
***O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.***

OT LESSON Micah 6: 1 – 8 *Pew Bible P.757*
Liturgist: This, is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 15 Hymn 419 *Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House* RIDGEMOOR

NT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 31 *Pew Bible P.926-927*
Liturgist: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.
People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5: 1 – 12 *Pew Bible P.785-786*
Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.
People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

**CANTICLE 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD
***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (x2)
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

SERMON *Walking With and Staying on Jesus* PASTOR JOHN

SERMON RESPONSE 601 *Amen* DANISH AMEN
Amen. Amen. A—men.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from the Iona Abbey Community*
We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating death, holds a promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the Earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful, wherever found. Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Blest Are They* ~ Haas

**DOXOLOGY 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION ☩

Just and Holy God, we share our humble offering in hope and trust that, through these gifts, your kingdom comes and your will is done. Amen.

The Sending

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Collecting Coffee* GINA LOEBELL

**HYMN 749 *Come! Live in the Light!* WE ARE CALLED

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE

☩ *The Confession and Assurance are adapted from the Rev. Anna George Traynham, Associate Pastor, Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA. The Prayer of Dedication is adapted from Worship Ways, UCC.*

Offerings, Tithes, & Gifts: Mail to 230 E. Jefferson St.; **Online** at www.covenantbutler.org; **Mobile** via Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App

Fellowship Hour: Thanks to Audrey Carlson & Grace Sechler for hosting today. Host spots available, sign-up in the Assembly room.

Annual Corporation Meeting & Future Church Meeting:

Sunday, February 5 12:30 PM in the Assembly Room

Souper Bowl of Caring: We will sell 12 oz. cups of soup after worship on **Feb. 12.** You may buy and eat for fellowship hour or take-home to eat. Or, better yet, both! Session will sponsor crackers, dessert, & beverages for those eating-in during fellowship hour. Money raised will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

Shrove Tuesday: Join us Feb. 21 at 5:30 PM for pancakes & fixins and Gift Basket Bingo. Get Bingo, pick a gift basket! Each church committee please list your basket theme on the sheet in the assembly room. A leader for the congregational basket is needed.



Prayer Concerns: If you have a prayer request, please contact the Prayer Cordon: Virginia Lokovich 724-287-3920, Jane Hall 724-287-5410, Pastor John 412-779-6148, or covenantoffice@zoominternet.net

Let us remember:

The Family of Phyllis Roth, a former co-worker with Lone Mathias, mourning her death;

Jill Boozer, a co-worker with Ann Morrison, grieving the tragic loss of her adult son in a work-related accident;

Bonnie (and family), a cousin of Bill Rice, grieving the loss of her son killed in an auto accident;

The Family of David Clare Dougherty, mourning his sudden death last week in Cleveland, OH;

The Family of Charmaine Tack, a former visitor to Covenant, mourning her death last week;

Alene Campbell, Lone Mathias' mother continues to heal;

Anna, a young woman with serious pulmonary issues (known to the Silberts), for dramatic healing;

Addie Silbert, Pastor John and Elaine's niece (Clymer, NY), being treated for a congenital heart ailment;

Emily Deluga, daughter of frequent visitor, Lynn, has a recurrent heart condition;

Jim, a cousin-in-law of John Reefer has been released from the hospital and is convalescing at a rehab center;

Pastor Jim, for a thorough recovery after knee surgery;

Pam Patterson, ongoing rehabilitation at Concordia Cabot;

Tracey, a family relation of Leanne Heaton, awaiting next steps after recent chemo treatments;

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me", Traditional Spiritual, sung by Eric Bibb

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim's journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, walk with me; when I'm in trouble,
walk with me;

When my heart is almost breaking, I want Jesus to walk with
me.

Well, in my trials, walk with me; in my trials walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow, I want Jesus to walk
with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me,
All along my pilgrim's journey, I want Jesus . . . I want Jesus . . .
I want Jesus, to walk with me.

"Woke Up This Mornin'", Traditional Spiritual, sung by Eric Bibb

I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Well, I'm walkin' and talkin' with my mind stayed on Jesus!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

You can't hate your neighbor with your mind stayed on Jesus!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

You'll be loving everybody with your mind stayed on Jesus!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Well God is the Captain of my mind stayed on Jesus!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

You know I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

