

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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Faith, Hope, and Charity* -- Bas relief sculpture of the three theological virtues;
St. Giles Cathedral (Kirk), Edinburgh, Scotland, UK ☩

4th Sunday after Epiphany February 2, 2025, 11:00 AM

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Worship Leader: Lars Morrison

TV Director: Rev. Bob Mathais

Music Director: Dominico Reyes

~ Order of Worship~

** = Please stand, as able.

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT *Let US Make a Joyful Noise ~ Sjolund*
 O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
 Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation,
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
 Let us make a joyful noise, make joyful noise unto him with song.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the Lord, our God, let us take refuge,
People: **so we might never be put to shame.**
Pastor: In God's righteousness, let us find deliverance,
People: **so we might experience the Almighty's saving power.**
Pastor: In the Lord's presence, let us place our trust,
People: **so we might find confidence in God alone.**
Pastor: The Lord, our God, is our rock and our refuge, our fortress and shield.
People: **We come into God's presence this day in joy!**
All: **Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 405

Praise God for This Holy Ground

HEYMONYSTRAAT

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call, but we seldom hear. You beckon, yet we turn away. Sin keeps us from responding to you, thwarting even our best efforts. Forgive our lack of attention to things that matter and restore our sense of your priorities. Focus us on your call to worship and service as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Not even death can separate us from God's love. This is good news!

People: **Yes, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**CONFESSION 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 sewn 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. *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

***O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom form 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.***

HT LESSON Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10 *Pew Bible P.609-610*

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 71 HYMN 813 *God, My Help and Hiding Place* TOKYO

NT LESSON 1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 13 *Pew Bible P.934*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4: 21 – 30 *Pew Bible P.835*

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.***

MESSAGE *An Ode to Providence – “Where Christ Is Central!”* PASTOR JOHN

Amen, Amen. A—men.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH †

The Scots Confession, Chapter 1 -- God

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom alone we must worship, and in whom alone we must put our trust; who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; by whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

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

OFFERSTORY ANTHEM *Child of God ~ Crocker*

*If anybody asks you who I am, who I am, who I am,
If anybody asks you who I am, tell him I'm a child of God.
Hallelujah, glory, hallelujah! Hallelujah, glory, hallelujah!
We're gonna Rock, Mary, rock the cradle in glory,
Rock, Mary, rock the cradle in glory,
Rock, Mary, rock the cradle in glory.
Peace on earth! Peace on earth!
The little cradle rocks tonight, tonight in glory, tonight.
The little cradle rocks tonight (in glory) for the little child of God.
Hallelujah, glory, hallelujah! Hallelujah, glory, hallelujah!
We're gonna rock, Mary, rock the cradle in glory,
Rock, Mary, rock the cradle in glory,
Rock, Mary, rock the cradle in glory.
Peace on earth! Peace on earth!
When I get to heaven gonna watch and tell
Three bright angels, go ring them bells;*

*One for to sing and the others to pray and shout
Hallelujah for the judgement day!
We're gonna Rock, Mary, rock the cradle in glory. (repeats)
Peace on earth! Peace on earth!
Good will to all!*

**DOXOLOGY 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
***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

O God, our sun and shield, you don't withhold any good thing from your people. Let our gifts be part of your generous giving, so that all the world may put their trust in you, with joy in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Sending

**HYMN 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life* LAND OF REST

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**CHROAL RESPONSE *You Shall Go Out With Joy ~ Hayes*
You shall go out with joy, Shall go out with joy
As you go in the name of the Lord.
You shall go forth in peace in the name of the Lord.

**POSTLUDE

⌘* -- About the Bulletin Cover: The Sculpture of the three virtues (commended by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:13), can be found in the Kirk of St. Giles (the title of cathedral is a carry-over from days when bishops were part of St. Giles past). It was created in the early 1920s as a memorial to Elsie Maud Inglis, founder in 1914 of the Scottish women's hospitals for service with the allies in France, Serbia and Russia. She was born 1864 and died on active service in 1917. *From left to right, the three angels hold the symbols for hope (anchor), faith (cross) and love (heart).

☩ -- The Scots Confession is one of three Reformation era confessions included in Part I of the Constitution of the PC (USA). When the Scottish Parliament declared itself a Protestant nation after the death of Mary, Queen of Scots, it asked for a Confession of Faith to be written. This confession, twenty-five chapters in length, was composed by the Rev. Dr. John Knox and five other Presbyterian Clergy over a four day period in 1560.

Wait, Don't Go Yet! Join us for conversaton and food during Fellowship Hour right after the service in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to "Mother Hubbard's Cupbard" (pot-luck) for hosting today. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will start at 12:30 PM in conjunction with Fellowship Hour

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Coming Up:

Feb 9 The Sacrament of Holy Communion & SOUPer Bowl of Caring
Feb 16 Trinity Youth Group Spaghetti lunch at Noon. Donation to eat.
Plus: Noisy offering of Loose Change
Mar 2 Transfiguration of the Lord
Mar 5 Ash Wednesday – BAP at Trinity 7:00 PM

Lighthouse Item of the Month: February = Condiments

SOUPer Bowl of Caring: Feb 9 If you are making soup, please sign-up in the Narthex. If you are eating soup, bring us a donation for our local food charity!



Celebration: February 2 Lowell Wetzel's Birthday!



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

Please Pray for:

Virginia Lokovich, daughter-in-law, **Dottie**, granddaughter **Heather**, sisters **Brenda** and **Beth Ann**, and their extended family, as they mourn the loss of Larry (son, husband, father, and brother) this past Sunday in Virginia.

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister, though recovering needed documentation, like many with losses in the LA wildfires, struggles with insurance claims and resourcing to find permanent replacement housing.

All the other residents, first responders, relief workers, coordinators and helpers amidst the devastation of the Southern California fires.

Tillie, known to the Loebells, for continuing healing and progress after recent surgery.

Rosalyn Rochow, Gina Loebell's niece, suffering with Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

Mary Reefer, is cleared to be able to drive and is healing well after knee surgery.

Ellen Campbell, lone Mathias' mother, is at home resting and recovering from a recent infection.

Bonnie Wilson, friend of lone's Mathias, in chemo treatment for cancer in her jaw.

Dee Hall, known to the Mathias', is doing well despite a continuing battle with cancer.

Ken Hricz, friend of Pastor John & Elaine, has begun experimental treatment for Parkinsons through the Cleveland Clinic; he is doing this from home in Wexford.

Sharon Anderson, friend of Nancy Rice, is recovering at home from recent surgery and will be undergoing further treatments.

Pam Patterson, at Concordia Cabot.

Stella Mae Mustio, Vivas Macoskey's first great-grandchild, born January 18 to Megan & Ryan.

Homeless people in and around our area during these cold weather months.

Luke 4: 21 - 22

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Word List

SCRIPTURE FULFILLED GRACIOUS HEARING JOSEPH AMAZED WORDS TODAY
SPOKE MOUTH BEGAN YOUR WERE WELL THIS THEY THEN THEM THAT SAID
NRSV LUKE FROM CAME BEEN SON SAY NOT HIM HAS AND ALL OF

(Luke 4:21-22) Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (22) All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" (NRSV)