

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 2023



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Hope Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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January 22, 2023

We Gather as God's People

Please take this time to write your prayer concerns online in live chat, or when onsite use prayer cards and put them in the offering plate.

* Call to Worship

We are the church:
sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints.

We are the church:
**together with those in every place
who call on the name of Jesus Christ**

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator
and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Together we have been called to worship God!

* Hymn #664

“Morning Has Broken”

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Call to Confession

Like the early disciples, we are curious about this Jesus, this Son of God. We may be tempted to stay away, for we know we are not worthy of him. But Jesus does not care about worth, wealth and power. Jesus seeks those who would follow honestly, willing to face their failures in order to grow closer to God. In that spirit, let us turn to Christ. *Let us first take a moment of silence for personal confession.*

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response #582 v 1 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Call for the Offering

God, the source of all good things, has given us what we need. In joyful response, let us offer our gifts, the fruit of our labors, and the dedication of our hearts for loving service in the name of Christ. *There are many ways to give – through the micro-pantry, Kumler chili with beans collection, spare change for Kumler, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You may mail checks directly to the Church Office for all offerings and pledges. Let us receive this morning's offering and give thanks to God.*

Prayer of Dedication

God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

We Listen for God's Word

Time with the Children

Anthem "Amazing Grace" Newton/Coates

Prayer for Illumination

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Caught in the Net of Grace" Rev. Chuck Goodman

We Respond to the Word

Hymn "Christ as a Light" John Michael Talbot

Christ as a light illumine and guide me,
Christ as a shield overshadow me.
Christ under me, Christ over me,
Christ beside me on my left and my right.

This day be within and without me,
Lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak,
In the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

This day be within and without me,
Lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light, Christ as a shield,
Christ beside me on my left and my right.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in Heaven, Holy is Your name. May Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us away from temptation, and deliver us from evil. For Yours are the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We Are Sent Forth to Serve

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please share your prayer concerns online in the live chat or fill out the Contact Cards provided as you enter the sanctuary and place them in the basket. More cards are located in the pass-through near the office.

Prayer for Thanks, Praise, & WOW!

- Judy A was released to go home. (1/18/23)
- From Becky C: thank you for prayers concerning her surgery consultation at Barnes Hospital. Her next appointment has been moved up several weeks thanks to a cancellation, so more prayers are appreciated as she continues down this path. (1/18/23)
- For the outpouring of generosity of everyone supporting the micro-pantry, and the team who keeps it stocked. (1/11/23)
- More daylight! (1/11/23)

Prayer Requests

- For Jim and Diane N. Jim has heart valve replacement procedure coming up. (1/18/23)
- For Nathan P, experiencing a heart issue. (1/18/23)
- For the Jim A family. Jim has come through multiple surgeries well but there are still many questions to be dealt with. (1/18/23)
- For Josh H, who is having Covid again. Symptoms are less severe this time but there is still a lot of drainage, coughing and exhaustion. (1/18/23)
- Charlie M's sister Rachel is having health issues. (1/18/23)
- For a family friend, Pam H, who recently came through a bout of pneumonia but now has it again. (1/18/23)
- From Grace N: for those affected by the flooding in California, especially the mother of the little boy swept away when trying to escape the flood waters. (1/18/23)
- For Sharon Sa, down with the flu and other health issues besides a broken back. (1/18/23)
- Richard D's wife Tracy had a very long (27-hour) visit to the ER on 1/12 as they investigated a possible cardio issue. (1/18/23)

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- Pam Go.'s husband Eddie was diagnosed with brain cancer and is undergoing surgery and recovery. (1/13/23)
- For Judy A, admitted to St. John's with breathing issues. (1/13/23)
- For Lonna L, seeking career discernment and opening doors. (1/13/23)
- For Bud W, with serious health problems. (1/11/23)
- For LaCleta H. (1/11/23)

Prayer for Comfort in Grieving

- For Sharon Sanders and her family on the loss of her daughter Lisa. (1/20/23)
- For Mel K and his family on the loss of his wife Carol after a long illness with Alzheimer's Disease. (1/18/23)
- For Kim Hall, her husband Larry and their family on the death of Larry's mother Julia. (1/13/23)

Prayer for Our Church Family

- Kat, Corby and Charlie Dodge
- Jane Dosland
- Jack, Heather and Cooper Dykes

Prayer for Churches in Our Presbytery

- First Presbyterian Church in Springfield
- Leadership transitions within the Presbytery

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*... the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8