



# balmoral presbyterian church

## service of worship

February 1, 2026

4th Sunday after Epiphany

11:00am

**Chiming of the Hour**

Bells of Balmoral

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Mark Howland

### ***GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE***

**Prelude**

"Prelude in C"  
Elis Jones, pianist

JS Bach

**\*Call to Worship**

Robin Van Nortwick, Liturgist

Leader: Let us hear what the Lord God has to say.

People: **He will speak peace to his people; to those who turn their hearts toward him.**

Leader: Love and loyalty will meet.

People: **Justice and peace will embrace.**

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the earth.

People: **And righteousness will look down from heaven.**

**\*Gathering Song 388**

"Come All You People"

UYAI MOSE

**Prayer of Confession**

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love.

*(Time of silence to lift personal confessions)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Congregational Response Hymn**

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever will be,**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

**Musical Offering**

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr. Aly Stalnaker

Soloist: Morgan Coats, accompanied by Robin Van Nortwick

### ***HEARING THE WORD***

**Children's Message**

**Invitation to Centering Silence**

*Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading**

Micah 6:1-8

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:34-40

**Sermon**

What Is Wanted

Rev. Mark Howland

**Silent Reflection**

*In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.*

## ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

### **Baptism and Uniting With the Congregation**

**Presentation**

**Renunciations**

**Profession**

Leader: With the whole church, let us stand and confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**People: 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.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

### **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: We give you thanks, Eternal God...

### **The Baptism**

#### **Laying On of Hands**

#### **Declaration**

#### **Uniting**

#### **Welcome**

Leader: Payden, by publicly professing his faith and being baptized, has expressed his intention to continue in the covenant God made with him. Let us welcome him as he has now joined our congregation and will continue with us in the worship and mission of the church.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving  
we welcome you into Christ's church  
to share with us in his ministry,  
for we are all one in Christ.**

## **Offering**

*Please place tithes and offerings in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Coins for a Cause in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry. Pass the Friendship Pads along the row, then pass it back down the row and greet those in your row after worship.*

## **Offertory**

**"Amarilli Mia Bella"**

Caccini

Elis Jones, pianist

## **\*Hymn 710**

**"We Lift Our Voices"**

OFFERING

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord use our voices; Lord use our hands; Lord use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering; we are an offering.**

## **\*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts**

### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

#### **Invitation to the Table**

#### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Eternal God, holy and mighty... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: 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.**

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty... According to his commandment:

**People: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his  
coming in glory.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... almighty God, now  
and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.**

### **Communion of God's People**

*We participate in Holy Communion by intinction. At the usher's invitation, please come forward down the center aisle, form a semi-circle in front of the pastor and ruling elder. The ruling elder will offer you the bread, take a piece and hold it. Pastor will then come to you with the chalice of grape juice, dip the bread in the chalice and eat the bread. When all in your group have received the elements, join hands and remain at the table together for silent prayer. Return to your seats via the outer aisles when the prayer has ended.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

#### **Sending Song 749**

**"Come! Live in the Light!"**

WE ARE CALLED

#### **Charge and Blessing**

#### **\*Benediction Response**

**"Lord Let Us Leave Now"**

OLD ENGLISH TUNE

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.  
Though we have some questions, our faith in You is sure.  
We know You are with us, Your way will endure.  
Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.**

#### **Postlude**

**"I Lift My Voice"**  
Elis Jones, pianist

Andrea Ramsey

## ***REMEMBER to WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!***

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- All responsive readings are shown with normal type for the leader and the bold portions are read in unison by all.
- \* indicates those who are able, please stand

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pete Addicott (8); Jane Rousseau (10); Rick Pride (24);  
Art Hall (25); Emmy Orians (27); Rosie Schmitz (28)

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

(No February anniversaries)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to the Balmoral Choir, led by Fran Addicott, Elis Jones, pianist, Morgan Coates, soloist, with Robin Van Nortwick as accompanist and Robin Van Nortwick, Liturgist.
- **EARTH CARE TIPS for FEBRUARY:** For Valentine's Day, buy flowers and other gifts from local shops or farmer's markets.
- **CREATION STATION:** BPC loves the children to be a part of our worship service. We invite families to allow children to join at our Creation Station which is located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that a responsible adult sit in the back row in case a need arises.
- **SUNDAY STUDIES:** Come and join us each Sunday at 9:30am for Sunday Studies, "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Janice Hill and Mary Schmitz lead the discussion. You may purchase the book on Amazon.
- **RESCHEDULED ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Join us after worship today for our annual congregational meeting. There will be a soup luncheon organized by the Fellowship Team following the meeting. Report packets are available in the narthex.
- **RESCHEDULED SOUPER SUNDAY:** Immediately following the congregational meeting today, the Fellowship Team invites you to participate in Souper Sunday. Stay and sample some of everything!
- **FOOD PANTRY FOCUS:** This month the Outreach Team encourages you to bring packages of rice (not instant) for the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Germantown's food pantry. Please plan on bringing this focus item next **Sunday, February 15.**
- **PASTOR MARK WILL BE OUT OF TOWN** February 13-15. If you are in need of pastoral care, contact Pastor Elizabeth at 314-330-0506. For all other needs, contact Clerk of Session, Jan Kaplan at 901-277-4267.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

- **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:** The Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held at **6 pm on Wednesday, February 18**. The service will include the imposition of ashes. Ash Wednesday marks the start of the season of Lent in the Christian Church, a time when we are to reflect upon our faith journey and determine how we may grow in our faith. Please plan on attending and inviting someone to join you. If you are unable to make the service but would like to have a brief time of prayer and the imposition of ashes, Pastor Mark will be holding drive-in imposition from 12:30-1:00 in the parking lot (weather permitting).
- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
  - The Covenant Presbyterian Church of Germantown's Food Pantry. needs staples from our Food Cart!
  - Supplies for the Hospitality bags
  - Place used toothbrushes & empty toothpaste in the box in the Food Cart for recycling
- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR:** (NOTE: \*\* indicates Presbytery event; ## indicates a community event; @@ indicates Private event)
  - **TUESDAYS with TED** meets every Tuesday, 8:00am. at Cracker Barrel on Hacks Cross Rd.
  - **CHAIR YOGA** meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30pm in Classroom B
  - **## AL-ANON** meets every Wednesday, 7:00pm in Classroom A
  - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
  - **CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Choir Room
  - **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, Sunday, February 1, 12:00pm in in the sanctuary
  - **SOUP LUNCHEON**, Sunday, February 1, after Congregational Meeting
  - **WORSHIP TEAM MEETING**, Sunday, February 1, 12:00pm in Classroom
  - **WRITERS CIRCLE**, Monday, February 2, 1:00pm in Classroom A
  - **PW BIBLE STUDY**, Wednesday, February 4, 10:30am in Classroom A
  - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING**, , Wednesday, February 4, 4:00pm in Classroom A
  - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, February 5, 10:15am in Classroom A
  - **SESSION ANNUAL RETREAT**, Friday-Saturday, February 6-7, 4:00pm at St. Columba Episcopal Camp & Retreat Center; @ Coleman Lodge
  - **COMMON CUP of JAZZ**, Friday, February 6, 6:00 carpool meets from the BPC parking lot, 6:30 Dinner (no charge, donations accepted), 7:00 Jazz at Liberation Community Church (694 South Bellevue)
  - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, February 8, 9:30am in Classroom A
  - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, February 8, 11:00am
  - **LUNCH WITH MARK**, Sunday, February 8, 12:30pm in Classroom A
  - **## BALMORAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING**, Wednesday February 11, 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall
  - **## HOLD ON! Meeting**, Saturday, February 14, 10:00am in the Sanctuary
  - **## CHUCALISSA DAR MEETING**, Saturday, February 14, 10:30am in Classroom A

## **CALENDAR (*continued*)**

- **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, February 15, 9:30am in Classroom A**
- **WORSHIP, Sunday, February 15, 11:00am**
- **WRITERS CIRCLE, Monday, February 16, 1:00pm in Classroom A**
- **OUTREACH TEAM MEETING, Monday, February 16, 5:00pm in Classroom B**
- **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 pm**
- **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP, Thursday, February 19, 10:15am in Classroom A**
- **BPC SISTERS TEA PARTY, Friday, February 20, 5:30pm (location TBD)**
- **## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN RETREAT, Saturday, February 21, 9:00am – 3:00 pm**
- **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, February 22, 9:30am in Classroom A**
- **WORSHIP, Sunday, February 22, 11:00am**
- **SESSION MEETING, Sunday, February 22, 12:30pm**

## ***OUR MISSION:***

***We are an open community who believes God is love  
and who lives our belief through praise and service.***



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