



# **balmoral presbyterian church**

## **service of worship**



January 4, 2026

2nd Sunday of Christmas

11:00am

**Chiming of the Hour**

Bells of Balmoral

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Mark Howland

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

**Prelude**

"Psalm"

Gordon Young

Linda Warren, organist

**\*Call to Worship**

Robin Van Nortwick, Liturgist

Leader: People, arise! For your light has come.

**People: The Word became flesh and lives among us, and we have seen his glory.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: The Lord's name be praised.**

**\*Gathering Song 657**

"Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness"

GLENDON

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we cannot fully comprehend that you became one of us in order to save us from sin and death, and lead us into life abundant. We forget that our lives depend on your grace alone and not on our own good intentions or our great accomplishments. Forgive us, and lead us in your light, that we too might be light in a dark and weary world.

*(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**

"Taste and See"

James E. Moore

BPC Choir, Erich Shultz, soloist

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

**Children's Message**

**Invitation to Centering Silence**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading from the Psalms**

Psalm 147:12-20

**Epistle Reading**

Ephesians 1:3-14

**Sermon**

Our Destiny

Rev. Mark Howland

**Silent Reflection**

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

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Apostles' Creed (*Ecumenical version*)**

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

**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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

**Moment for Mission**

**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**

**"On Eagle's Wings"**

Michael Joncas

Linda Warren, pianist

Setting by John Carter

**\*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: It is truly right and our greatest joy... 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... Great is the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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 700**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M GONNA LIVE

### **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**

"Fantasia on a Scottish Folk Song"

Linda Warren, pianist

Based on "Candler"

Arr. Robert J. Hughes

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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

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

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Frank Carney (7); Mona Kernan (11); Elizabeth Dick (13); Kathrine Getske (19);  
Janie Pearson (21); Janice Hill (23); Glenda Ellis (29)

### **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

(NO January anniversaries)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to the BPC Choir, led by Fran Addicott, Linda Warren, pianist/organist, and Robin Van Nortwick, Liturgist.
- **ROOM IN THE INN:** Today the Outreach Team welcomes Lisa Anderson, Executive Director of Room In the Inn, to our worship. Lisa will be sharing a moment for mission during worship and will be at a table in the narthex to answer questions you might have after worship. We are at the beginning stages of working with Covenant Presbyterian Church of Germantown and Kingsway Church in supporting this much needed ministry in our community. All of you are encouraged to meet with Lisa and to sign up to be added to the volunteer list.
- **EARTH CARE TIPS for JANUARY:** Instead of using single use cups provided at coffee shops, consider bringing your own reusable mug!
- **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.
- **PASTOR MARK WILL BE ON VACATION** January 7-12. 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.

- **SUNDAY STUDIES:** Starting Sunday, January 11, Sunday Studies will begin discussing the book, "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Bown Taylor. Janice Hill and Mary Schmitz will be leading the discussion. You may purchase the book on Amazon. Dee McGuire has a few extra copies currently. Come and join in the discussion.
- **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session has set Sunday, January 25 as the date of our annual congregational meeting. Reports from the teams and staff will be provided in advance. There will be a soup luncheon organized by the Fellowship Team following the meeting. Watch for more information in the coming days.
- **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 (*NOTE: Bell Choir will begin practicing again this Wednesday, January 7*)
  - **CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Choir Room
  - **WORSHIP TEAM MEETING**, Sunday, January 4, 12:00pm in Classroom A
  - **WRITER'S CIRCLE**, Monday, January 5, 1:00pm in Classroom A
  - **PASTOR on VACATION**, Wednesday, January 7 thru Monday January 12
  - **PW BIBLE STUDY**, Wednesday, January 7, 10:30am in Classroom A
  - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING**, Wednesday, January 7, 4:00pm in Classroom A
  - **## HOLD ON! MEETING**, Saturday, January 10, 10:00am in the sanctuary
  - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, January 11, 9:30am in Classroom A
  - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, January 11, 11:00am
  - **BOOK CLUB**, Tuesday, January 13, 1:30pm in Classroom B
  - **COM Meeting**, Thursday, January 15, 10:00am in Classroom A
  - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, January 15, 10:15am in Classroom B
  - **SESSION WORKSHOP**, Saturday, January 17, 9:00am to 1:00pm in Classroom A
  - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, January 18, 9:30am in Classroom A
  - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, January 18, 11:00am
  - **SESSION**, Sunday, January 18, 12:30pm in Classroom A
  - **OFFICE CLOSED**, Monday, January 19 all day
  - **WRITER'S CIRCLE**, Monday, January 19, 1:00pm in Classroom A
  - **OUTREACH TEAM MEETING**, Monday, January 19, 5:00pm in Classroom B
  - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, January 25, 9:30am in Classroom A
  - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, January 25, 11:00am
  - **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, Sunday, January 25, 12:00pm in in the sanctuary

## ***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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