

Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, USA

10:30am



SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

O Lord, save us from anxiety, and if we are anxious let us commit ourselves to You more fully, to be used as the instruments of Your peace, so that we learn to be less concerned about ourselves and more concerned about others.

Alan Paton, *Instrument of Thy Peace*
Author of *Cry, the Beloved Country*

3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

January 22nd, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PREPARATORY MUSIC

Blessings

- Laura Story

THE PRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE BY THE BEADLE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God says: I will put my laws in their minds,
and write them on their hearts,

All: **and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.**

One: The true light, which enlightens everyone,
has come into the world.

All: **and the darkness will not overcome it.**

HYMN NO. 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(Congregation may stand)

- Charles C. Converse

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, your Spirit has made us members of the Body of Christ,
but all too often we are in strife with one another.

You have blessed us with the fellowship of faith, family, and friendship,
but we have made our churches, homes, and places we meet,
battlegrounds of envy, suspicion, umbrage, and disdain.

Those meant to be near and dear become those we fear and jeer.

We wonder what has gone wrong, and despair of making things right.

Forgive us, O God, for our festering feuds and inept efforts to be reconciled.

Teach us how to love each other as you have loved us.

Show us the way to be more kind to one another.

Help us be open to the guidance of your Spirit,

as we lift to you our prayers in this time of silence....

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE NO. 583

Glory to God

(Congregation may stand)

- Jacques Berthier

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WELCOME, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS, LIVE-STREAM CHECK-IN, AND JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(We invite you to say Hello in the Love Chat.)

HYMN NO. 445

God, How Can We Forgive

(Congregation may stand)

- adapt. Meyer Lyon & Thomas Olivers

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 50:15-21

EPISTLE READING

Matthew 18:15-22

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Like Gentiles and Tax-Collectors”

- Stephen Price-Gibson

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING OUR GIFTS WITH THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

MUSICAL OFFERING

Give Me Doubt

- The Brilliance

RESPONSE

Agnus Dei

(Congregation may stand)

- Michael W. Smith

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE GIVING

HYMN

All to Us

(Congregation may stand)

- The Brilliance

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Give Me Doubt

- The Brilliance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING We are making a special request for additional donations, as our Peace and Global Witness offering is insufficient to meet our financial commitment to ACT.

2023 Pledge Status **UPDATE**

Pledged and Estimated Giving GOAL: \$593,000

8 new pledges!

92%

\$543,000

68 pledges out of 160 households and counting...

\$543k pledged and estimated income to date. Our goal is \$593k.



33 pledge increases!

Every pledge counts! There is still time to submit yours via USPS, during the offering, or giving@arkanddove.org

92% Pledged and Estimated Giving Goal as of January 20th

SOUPER BOWL The youth are hosting the *Souper Bowl of kindness*. You can donate cans of soup by putting them by the signs in the sanctuary. The teams are middle school vs. high school. Make sure you put your soup by the sign for the team that you want to win!

THE RACE CARD On **Sunday, January 29th** the Anti-Racism team will host a luncheon after the service, followed by a workshop from 12:30-2:30pm presented by Jeff Bolognese. Jeff comes to us highly recommended from Presbytery and has led these trainings through work and in churches. Add the date to your calendar now and plan to join us for this important training. **Please register by TODAY.** See *Arkive* to register.

YOUTH SUMMER CONFERENCE INFO MEETING We will be hosting an informational meeting about youth summer conferences for middle and high school youth immediately after the 10:30 service **on February 5th**. For all questions, please reach out to Whitney Grimm at whitney.grimm@arkanddove.org.

YARN DONATION On March 25th Lori Kronser, Sher Atkinson, and Cheryl Walcutt will be traveling to Guatemala for a week of reconnection with CEDEPCA after a few years off due to Covid-19. They will be taking yarn for the women who create beautiful scarves that help to support them and their families. A box will be placed near the collection area by the nursery. Any type or color of yarn will be greatly appreciated.

CAP FOOD PANTRY The January *Items of the Month* are shelf milk (like Parmalat®) and juice. We have bins marked for CAP food in the cabinet across from the lobby coat rack. Food can also be taken directly to the pantry at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Odenton, on Tuesdays 10:30am-1:30pm and Thursdays 1:30-5:30pm. Or contact Greg Makar (GLMakar@juno.com) to make other arrangements.

GLEAM QUEER SUPORT GROUP Join us at **7:30pm on Tuesday, January 31st** in the Marshall room for our monthly queer support group. Questions should be directed to Amanda Crose at Amanda.rose.crose@gmail.com.

FRIENDLY SENIORS INVITES YOU We are planning a trip to the NSA Cryptology Museum on **Friday, February 3, at 2:00 pm**. This is a fun, hands on tour for all ages on how we've spied. Let Joan Berry (joanb3rry@gmail.com) know by Sunday, January 29th to RSVP.

THE FELLOWSHIP TABLE WANTS YOU! We are looking for people to help with bringing the snacks, setting up, and cleaning up on a regular or periodic basis. This can be a great opportunity to get children involved in the life of Ark & Dove! Contact Outreach@ArkandDove.org for more information.

******The 31st Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday February 12, 2023 after worship – Noonish, after the 10:30 service.******

If you are not signed up for the weekly Arkive, please email admin@arkanddove.org to be added to the email list.

Welcome! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us and that you will come again. In person worship is at 9:00 and 10:30 AM. Our 10:30 service is also livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Would you like a pastor to contact you? Would you like to learn more about Ark and Dove? Please send a note to admin@arkanddove.org.

Sunday Mornings for Children and Youth

9:00 AM

Childcare

Middle School Chimes and Percussion Ensembles (9:00 to 9:45)

10:00 AM

Children's Choir (10:00 to 10:30)

10:30 AM

Childcare

After the Children's Sermon: Godly Play Sunday School Pre-K through grade 4

Middle School Sunday School grade 5 through 8

*We are a [Matthew 25](#) church, a [More Light](#) church, and [Earth Care](#) Congregation
See the Arkive E-newsletter for more information*

Ministry Leaders

Liturgist – Don Ziegler

Usher – David Lawson

Beadle – Ava Ortiz

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