



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **MADISON**



January 22, 2023

Third Sunday After Epiphany

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

L: Sing and bless God's name;

P: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

L: Proclaim God's glory to the nations,

P: God's marvelous deeds to all people.

L: Let us worship God.

*** Opening Hymn**

"I Will Follow You"

*My heart is steadfast oh God
And I won't be led astray by the things that
Quickly will fade before Your face oh*

*Chorus
And I will follow You
I wrapped up in You
I belong to You*

*And I was made for this
One thing is to see and to seek Your goodness
Take me by the hand and lead me*

Bridge

*And I have decided and I have resolved
That I will go anywhere
Anywhere just to see Your face
And I have decided and I have resolved
That I will go anywhere anywhere
Anywhere just to see Your face*

*Moments may come when I feel so afraid
But I rest in the promises made that
You will remain forever faithful*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into the darkened corners of our hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in harmony. Amen.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** Congregational Response**

“You Alone Can Rescue”

You alone can rescue,

You alone can save,

You alone can lift us from the grave;

You came down to find us, led us out of death,

To you alone belongs the highest praise,

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

O God, we seek your wisdom and truth in the Scriptures. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to open our minds and hearts to receive the gift of your Word. Challenge and comfort us in what we hear, and strengthen us to follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 4 One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. 5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. 6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 8 "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. 9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Second Reading

Matthew 4: 12-23

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen.

19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Sermon

"Follow Me"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** from *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

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.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Closing Hymn

"I Will Sing"

*With my mouth I will tell of Your faithfulness
I'll declare Lord Your covenant with my life*

Chorus

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever
I will sing of the Lord's great love
I will sing of the Lord's great love forever
I will sing oh I will sing*

*Lord You are the glory of all our strength
Your presence along the way for all our days*

Bridge

*Oh Lord God Almighty who is like You
Oh Lord God Almighty none beside You
Oh Lord God Almighty
All the earth and sky belong to You*

Tag

Of His great love I will sing

* Benediction

Postlude

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.

*We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.*

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Leader

Susan Mennella

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Per Capita

January 22 has been designated as Per Capita Sunday by the PC(USA). You probably remember seeing notices about Per Capita in prior years and may have wondered what it is all about. Of course, “per capita” literally means “per head” or “for each person,” but in the PC(USA) Per Capita is the primary means of sharing the costs of being the church at the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly levels.

The purpose of the presbytery and the higher councils is to help congregations and the church as a whole in their work of mission, ministry, and transformation of the world (Book of Order F-3.01). The presbytery is a community of congregations supporting each other in mission and ministry. Per Capita is the financial expression of mutual support for each congregation’s work.

Each mid-council sets a per capita rate, which is assessed based on the membership of each member congregation. The 2023 per capita rate for members of the Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey is \$42.50, of which the majority goes to the presbytery, with smaller amounts to the Synod of the Northeast and the General Assembly. The 2023 amount for our congregation is \$6,927.50, which we include in the Administration portion of our budget.

Highlands Presbytery has created a short video with more information about Per Capita, its history, and the many things that it supports in the presbytery. You can view it at <https://youtu.be/sPEF6rOsMUK>. We encourage each member to make an additional donation of the Per Capita amount of \$42.50 as part of their giving to the Presbyterian Church of Madison.

Annual Meeting

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Madison has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, February 5th, immediately following the 10:15 am worship service for the purpose of receiving the 2023 budget, receiving the reports of committees, electing elders and other leadership positions. The meeting will be hybrid: in person and with a link to join online. The link will be sent closer to the meeting’s date.

PRAYER LIST

- The family and friends of Johnny Kinney, a student at Florham Park Middle School, who passed away this week after a long battle with cancer
- Ben, a student in Florham Park Middle School, recovering from successful surgery to remove a cancerous brain tumor and starting chemotherapy
- Those affected by the flooding in California
- All those dealing with physical challenges
- All those having difficulty adjusting to new situations in life
- Joanna, friend of Kathleen Underwood, on the death of her mother
- Lisa recovering at home from a recent lung transplant
- Sue Lincoln continuing her recovery at home
- Everett, son of Stephanie and Jesse Haedrich, as he continues his recovery from a bone marrow transplant
- Glenn, neighbor of Melissa Dewhurst, as he undergoes intensive treatment for recurrence of stomach cancer; and for his wife and ten-year-old son
- Jill Wussow, friend of Mary-Anna Holden, living with the long term effects of Lyme disease
- All those continuing to deal with COVID and the flu
- All those dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatments
- Eric, neighbor of Melissa Dewhurst, for continued healing
- The people of Ukraine in this ongoing time of war
- Peace for the sake of all people of the world

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VISION

To see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

*Renewed Lives | Community Positive | Intergenerational Family
Joyful Service | Presbyterian Roots*

Staff

Jacqui Van Vliet
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Worship

Sunday Service 10:15 am

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