

John Knox Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Welcome! Please be seated and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

"Dix"

arr. Charles Callahan

Words of Welcome

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

* Call to Worship

Jesus comes to proclaim good news to us all!

Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind, helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord's favor!

May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.

And may it all begin with our worship of God.

* Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#14

* Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

* =Stand in body or spirit **Bold**=congregation *Italic*=leader

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts, bent as they are towards ourselves, out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you, O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray. Amen.

*** Words of Forgiveness**

*** Response**

“Raise a Song of Gladness”

#155

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Time with God’s Children

Prayer for Illumination

Today’s Psalm (responsive) Psalm 19

NRSVUE

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*

*Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.*

**There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;**

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.**

*In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which
comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.*

*Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.*

**The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;**

**the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;**

**the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;**

**the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

**the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;**

**the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.**

*More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;*

*sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.*

Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect one's own errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading **Luke 4: 14-21** NRSVUE

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Taking a Stand” Rev. Maggie Lewis

*** Hymn** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” #757

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory “Olivet” arr. Charles Callahan

*** Response** “To God the Father” tune #152

*To God the Father, God the Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise. Amen.*

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

* **Sending Song** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #610

* Charge and Benediction

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude and pictures of Val Jean.

Postlude "Kelvingrove" arr. Charles Callahan
 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Cindy Berry

Liturgist: Ashley Kramer
Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis
Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Church and Community Life

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY is very close to publication. *This is your LAST CHANCE to check your information in the current directory and let Eileen know if anything needs to be changed. Thank you!*

GOSPEL READING We are not projecting the words to the Gospel reading for a few weeks as a bit of an experiment. How does it feel to listen without following the words on the projection? Do you listen better, or differently? Does it help you focus on the story instead of on the words? What do you prefer? We want to hear from you! Please share your thoughts with Maggie or Eileen. Thank you!

2025 PER CAPITA IS \$50 per member. \$33.94 of that stays at Cascades Presbytery to support our presbytery staff and committees; \$5.22 is sent to Synod of the Pacific, and \$10.84 goes to General Assembly (our national governmental body). Please mark your donation "per capita" so Bronwyn can credit it to the correct account. Your designated payments for per capita mean that more of our budget is applied to our operating and mission expenses.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK food of the month is **SOUP AND CHILI**. Please leave your donations in the grocery cart. The food bank can also use medium-sized boxes and sturdy bags for packing up food. Monetary donations are always welcome. Designate them for KCFB and Bronwyn will forward your donation. If you have time and can help pack boxes or unload supplies, your help will be appreciated at the food bank. See their Facebook page for contact information.

FELLOWSHIP TIME after worship is a wonderful time to talk with friends and make new ones. It's even more pleasant with goodies in hand. Please sign up to provide some goodies or leave a free-will offering in the basket on the table so we can purchase refreshments when home-baked treats aren't available. Thank you!

Bulletin Image: Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace. *This Chicago mural places Jesus center stage with arms outstretched, welcoming all people to him. Incorporated into the figure of Jesus is a mosaic quality that undoubtedly represents his multifaceted nature as well as the ability for all peoples to claim him as their own. Surrounding him is a diverse group holding*

hands in unity. One of the scripture passages listed for this image gives us the second greatest commandment: “to love one’s neighbor as oneself.” In loving one another, we stimulate peace, faith, and hope for the war-torn and unjust world in which we live. This painting reminds us that it is in our love for one another—a love that seeks equality and justice for all—that we show true, deep, and abiding love for God as well.

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Looking Ahead

Wed. Jan. 29 6-8:00 pm Presbytery Meeting via Zoom
Sun. Feb. 2 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion
Sat. Feb 8 9 am – 3 pm All Officers’ Retreat at JKPC
Sun. Feb. 9 10:30 Worship
Sun. Feb. 16 10:30 Worship
Sun. Feb 23 10:30 Worship After worship:
 Annual Congregational Meeting

January Birthdays

4 Bethany C.
26 Ashley K.
28 Madison C.

Due to concern about possible identity theft, we will list those with birthdays or anniversaries by their first name and last initial. If you need assistance identifying people with that information, check with Eileen or check the directory’s monthly birthday/anniversary listing.



Bruce Reyes-Chow, renowned speaker, pastor, and author, will be in Salem on **February 22-23** for a two-day event hosted by Westminster and First Presbyterian Churches. Bruce is known for his inspiring messages and deep commitment to justice and inclusion. He has been called one of the most dynamic voices in faith today. We will share more information as we receive it.

OREGON Join the first march from First Christian Church to the Capital Mall Monday Jan 27 @ noon

Poor People’s Campaign
A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

You are invited to join the first march from First Christian Church to the Capital Mall at noon on Monday, January 27.

Local progressive faith leaders are coming together to explore the possibility of bringing the **Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival** to our community.

This movement, inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s vision, unites people across all backgrounds to confront systemic poverty, racism, ecological devastation, and more. Together, we aim to advocate for justice and uplift the most vulnerable among us.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) urges your support in response to the devastating fires in California, which authorities are calling a historic and deadly wildfire event. PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate care. The magnitude of this event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ.

At its meeting January 15, session authorized \$500 from the general fund to be sent to the PDA Wildfire Relief Fund along with funds we have retained from previous years' Special Offerings, for a total of **\$1525.45** from John Knox, in addition to any individual designated offerings. We will continue to receive and forward those designated offerings for Wildfire Relief. Gifts may also be made online at pcusa.org/CAfires25, by phone at 800-728-7228, ext. 5885, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "PDA-CF25-BI" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

***Remember – it's true! – When we all do a little,
it adds up to a LOT!***



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