

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
2nd Sunday after Epiphany, January 15, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Be Still, My Soul
Knox Bell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We meet in the presence of God,
who knows our needs and hears our cries.
We gather in the love of God,
which heals our wounds and forgives our iniquities.
We are redeemed by the mighty acts of God,
who offers mercy in our brokenness and justice that reconciles us.
We bring our whole selves before God,
whom we worship, honor, and adore, this day and forevermore.

*HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin
and the sin of this world.

God of Grace,

forgive us.

Even as Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.

God of Grace,

forgive us.

The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

God of Grace,

forgive us.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

God of Grace,

forgive us.

Speak to us in the silence, O Lord,
that we might be set free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ . . .

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

by Chris Fortin

Musical notation for the hymn "Glory to God". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff starts at measure 1 and ends at measure 3. The second staff starts at measure 4 and ends at measure 6. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God! We are for - giv - en. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!". Chords are indicated above the notes: E, B/D#, C#m, E7/B, A, F#m in the first staff; G#m7, C#m7, A, B7, E in the second staff.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

and also with you.

I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Let the Children Come

by Helen Kemp

Let the little children come to me.

Let them come and gather at my knee.

**Let them come, dear friends, for don't you see,
this is how God's kingdom ought to be?**

This is how God's kingdom ought to be.

(Children ages preschool–grade 5 are invited to attend Sunday School. Middle School students are invited to attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

MINUTE FOR MISSION

God's Co-op Pantry

Carol Skidmore

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-17 (p. 3)

Katie White

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Tempted in the Wilderness

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Wade in the Water
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

HYMN 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.**

*CLOSING HYMN 740

Lead Me, Guide Me

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

arr. Anna Laura Page

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Masks optional but welcome for all gatherings here at BRPC.

Please join us for fellowship in Westminster Hall immediately following worship.

Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord

William Todt

United with this Congregation
Entered the Church Triumphant

November 9, 1967
January 10, 2023

A Memorial Service will be determined in the future.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of John Becht by Margaret and Roger Greenway.

~In loving memory of Bill Todt, by his family.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion and cost \$42 per pier. There are openings in January. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our flower coordinator Ellen Johnson at (908) 285-1638 or email her at flowers@brpc.org.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 15

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & via Zoom
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Library
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Westminster Hall
Fellowship Time, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Small Group Bible Study, 11:15 a.m.
Nominating Committee, 11:30 a.m.
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center
Senior High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, January 16

Church House Offices Closed
Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m.
Children & Families Ministry Council, 7:15 p.m.
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Children's Mid-Week, 4:15 p.m., Westminster Hall & Sanctuary
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center
Adult Small Group, 7:15 p.m.
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, January 18

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor
Stephen Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Personnel Council, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 19

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 7:30 p.m.
Oratorio Choir, 8:15 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary

Friday, January 20

PEO Group, 9:00 a.m., Church House Parlor

Saturday, January 21

Eggstravaganza Setup, 8:30 a.m., Westminster Hall
Oratorio Rehearsal Day, 9:00 a.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary

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