

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thanks for worshipping with us. Whether you are with us from the pew or with us via your computer screen, we are so glad you're here. Remember, worship is about God and we focus our eyes and hearts on the One who is before all things. At the same time, we know that when we gather, we receive gracious gifts and experience the love of Christ as one church. To prepare for worship, read the Words of Preparation; read and reflect upon the Scripture passage for today. Be intentional about connecting with God in your worship.

WORDS FOR PREPARATION

O God, you show us the way of servanthood. You have given us much so that we can bless others and not seek gratification for ourselves. Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility so that we can be the light of Christ in the world. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen. - Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year 2

PRELUDE **"St. Anthony Chorale"** **Haydn/Brahms**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!
Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.
**We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord,
Who makes and sustains all things.**

***HYMN (insert)** **"In Christ Alone"**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the mercy of our Lord.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our hubris, gracious God. Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Period of silence for personal confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, your sins are forgiven, for the Lord who made all things knows our weaknesses. Therefore, turn away from sin and obey the ways of the Lord. Be reconciled to the community in service and love.

Thanks be to God.

*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 shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC **"It is Well with my Soul"** **Handbells**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5, 14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

SERMON **"When God Moves Into the Neighborhood "** **Justin Barringer, PhD**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Confession of 1967, 9.07)*

*In Jesus Christ,
God was reconciling the world to himself.
We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us.
He is the eternal Son of the Father,
who became human and lived among us
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.
He is present in the church
by the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue and complete his mission.
This work of God,
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
is the foundation of all we confess
about God, humanity, and the world.
Therefore, the church calls all people
to be reconciled to God and to one another.*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

God is ever faithful and has blessed us with so much. With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God what we have with love and thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY

“There is a Redeemer”

Keith Green

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please use this time for silent prayer and reflection as you consider ways to offer your life, your gifts, time, and commitment to God. You may give online at upctx.org/giving OR as you enter or exit the church sanctuary today. There are two offering boxes available.)

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to leave everything behind and follow you. Give us the courage to fulfill your will so that with everything we do and say we can become a living offering worthy of being called your disciples. Amen.

***HYMN (insert)**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

***BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION (insert) “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in D”

D. Buxtehude



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Guided by the Word of God, led by the Holy Spirit, and motivated by the love of Christ and all his people, United Presbyterian Church, in intergenerational community, celebrates God’s Glory by fostering Christian Growth.

Therefore, we value:

- ❖ **Inviting and welcoming fellowship**
- ❖ **Bible-centered messages, music, and faith expressed through worship**
- ❖ **Commitment to our community**