

**Service of the Lord's Day
January 23, 2022**

God's People Gather

*With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! Masks are required for everyone 3 and older. Some pews with social distance *spacers* have been designated on the lectern side near the front for those who are more comfortable with some distance.*

Greetings and Announcements

(please fill out and pass the Friendship folder to those in your pew)

Prayer of Preparation

**God, be in my head, and in my understanding. God, be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.**

Prelude How Great Thou Art -- arr. Hayes

Introit We Are Here, Lord

Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

L: God's instruction is perfect, reviving our very being.

P: God's laws are faithful, making naive people wise.

L: God's regulations are right, gladdening our heart.

P: God's commands are pure, giving light to our eyes.

L: People of God, let us gather around God's Word and rejoice in it;

P: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to You,
O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. *(based on Psalm 19)*

***Hymn 463 How Firm a Foundation** (verses 1-3)

Prayer of Confession

L: In silence, let us examine ourselves in the light of God's instruction and commands.
(silence)

All: **Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!**

Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

I've sinned against you; I've committed evil in your sight.

you want truth in the most hidden places; teach me wisdom in the most secret space.

Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

Please don't throw me out of your presence;

please don't take your holy spirit away from me.

Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit.

(based on Psalm 51)

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

L: Arise! Shine! Walk as children of light.

***Response**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Anthem Hallelujah, Amen! -- Handel

Chancel Choir

Scripture Readings Luke 4:14-21

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Sermon

Rev. Karen Pidcock-Lester

God's People Respond

***Affirmation of Faith**

God makes God's Self known through God's Word.

God has not waited to be discovered.

The Lord has taken the initiative and addressed his Word to humankind in many ways.

Through the Word of God the world was created.

The Word became flesh in Jesus Christ.

Through the Word of God the New Creation is being formed.

We believe God's Word is God's communication to us.

Although God is free to speak to us in unexpected ways, we confidently listen for God's Word in Jesus Christ, in holy Scripture, in preaching and the sacraments. Amen.

(From the PCUSA Declaration of Faith)

***Welcome of New Member**

***Giving Our Gifts**

Offertory **Adagio** -- Nardini

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you;

And also with you

...

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

God Sends Us Out

***Hymn 450 Be Thou My Vision** (verses 1-2)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response Fourfold Amen**

Chancel Choir

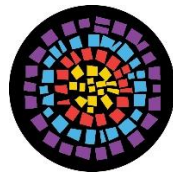
***Postlude Trumpet Tune** -- Torelli

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

The sanctuary flowers are given by John and Marie Kayati in loving memory of their great-niece, Angelina Maria Amatuzio.

Being the Church this Week

Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Seekers (6-7:30pm)
Monday	4:30 p.m.	Music/Rec
	7:00 p.m.	Cubs/Troop
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Yoga (Community Room)
	7:30 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Yoga (Community Room)
	9:00 a.m.	HENS (9am-1pm)
	10:00 a.m.	Staff meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Session
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Sisters of the Way Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	5:00 p.m.	Community Meals (lower parking lot)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Handbells Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Yoga (Community Room)
	9:00 a.m.	HENS (9am-1pm)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Cubs Pinewood Derby Workshop (9am-12pm)
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (after worship)
	11:45 a.m.	Sr. Seekers (after worship)



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