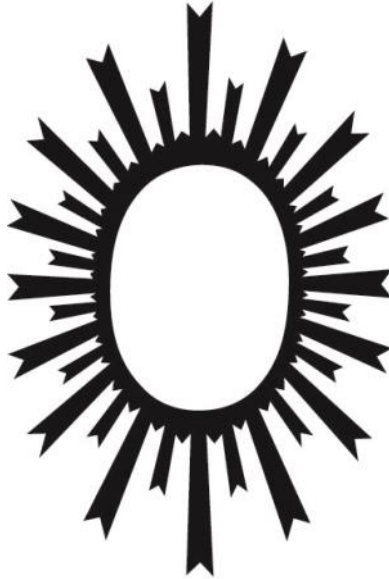


# The Service for the Lord's Day



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**January 30, 2022**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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*Please silence all devices*

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*We warmly welcome all who are worshipping with us today. Children are always welcome in worship! For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers.*

*Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30am service. For directions to classrooms, please ask an usher or see the sign in the lobby.*

### **I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **PRELUDE**

“Sarabande on *Land of Rest*”

Gerald Near  
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#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: From the very beginning, God calls us.

**All: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.**

One: We hesitate and wonder how to follow our call.

**All: But God reassures us in so many ways through the course of our days.**

One: Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

**All: God is with us and sustains us.**

##### **\*HYMN:**

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

(page opposite➔)

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*Music: American Folk Hymn, harm. Charles Webb ©1989 The United Methodist Publishing Co (admin. The Copyright Company)*

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON**

One: Let us gather before our merciful God to ask for God’s forgiveness. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, than to build and to plant. Forgive us, God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble, patient, and kind.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: Through Christ we pray,

**All: Amen.**

# Lord, When I Came into This Life

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you  
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as  
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -  
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -  
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with  
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it  
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.  
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.  
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.  
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new.

**All: By the grace of Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

## **GLORIA PATRI**

*Hymn #734*

***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.***

**(10:30)**

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

### **II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>2</sup>**

**All: Holy God, you touched the mouth of your prophet Jeremiah and instilled your words upon his lips. Send your Spirit that She might do the same with us, through the hearing and proclamation of your word. Amen.**

#### **PSALM:**

“Psalm 71”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Azmon*, #96 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

***“In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust; preserve from fear and shame  
The righteous servant in distress who calls upon Thy name.  
For from the moment of my birth through my allotted days,  
I shall not waver in my trust, or cease to sing Thy praise.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 71 ©1999 Michael Morgan, Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 776*

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**(10:30)**

#### **ANTHEM:**

“Thou Knowest, Lord”

*Henry Purcell*

*~Chancel Choir*

*“Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not Thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord, spare us, Lord most holy. O God, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Father, Thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall, to fall from Thee. Amen.”*

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## SERMON

Rev. Emma Nickel

### III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**                    “Vouchsafe, O Lord, to Keep Us This Day” (*Dettingen Te Deum*) G.F. Handel  
~Noah Rogers

*“Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.”*

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#### \*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #34

*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

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Apostles’ Creed

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(9:00)

#### CONVERSATION and REFLECTION

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: 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**

#### **IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

##### **\*HYMN: #466**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”  
Text: Frances Havergal (1836-1879); Music: Henri Malan (1787-1864) Public Domain

##### **\*BENEDICTION**

**(9:00)**

##### **\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE: #716, verse 1** “God Be with You” (page opposite➔)

Text: Jeremiah Rankin (1828-1904) Music: William Tomer (1833-1896); Public Domain

##### **POSTLUDE:**

“Voluntary on the 100<sup>th</sup> Psalm Tune”  
*Henry Purcell*  
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*\*Indicates please stand as you are able.*

- 1 Call to Worship and Confession liturgy from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C, Vol 1*, Ed. Kimberly Bracken Long (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2012), 60-61.
- 2 Stephen M. Fearing, “Prayer for Illumination, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, (Year C)” January 29, 2019, [www.stephenmfearing.com](http://www.stephenmfearing.com).

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# God Be with You

Chords: Db,  $\frac{Db}{F}$  Ab Db Gb,  $\frac{Gb}{Db}$  Db

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain, by his coun-sels guide, up-hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain, 'neath his wings pro-tect-ing hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; if life's per-ils should con-found you,

Chords: Ab, Ab7, Db,  $\frac{Gb}{Db}$  Db,  $\frac{Db}{F}$  Ebm7 Db, Ab7 Db

with his sheep se-cure-ly fold you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 God will put his arms a-round you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828-1904)  
 MUSIC: William G. Tomer (1833-1896)

GOD BE WITH YOU  
 9.8.9.8.



*Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.*

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Beth and Brian DeGuise in memory of our fathers, Russell J. Egan and William M. Hackett.

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### **Sub Sandwiches Fundraiser: Order by Thursday, February 2**

S.T.A.G.E. youth will be making delicious, fresh sub sandwiches for pick up on Sunday, February 13. The cost is \$9 for a 6-inch sub. Add a bag of chips for just \$1 to your order. Italian (ham & salami) or Turkey subs are available. Or, order a Three-Meat sub for a small additional charge. **Pre-orders will be accepted online through February 2.** A link is in our weekly email or call the office for assistance. **All subs will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 13, from 11 am-1 pm at FPCRO.** Funds from the Super Bowl Sub Sale will help support S.T.A.G.E. summer mission trips. Thank you for your support!

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### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

On **Sunday, February 13** we are participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. You are invited to bring a non-perishable item for our Little Free Pantry. Cans with pull-tabs are very useful. Fruit cups and cereal bars are also great to include. (Please, no glass containers.)

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### **Refugee Resettlement Housewares Collection**

We expect to be matched with an Afghan refugee family very soon! Our housewares collection is underway – thank you for your quick response! If you took a tag to donate items, please return the items to church in the next few weeks. As the need for additional items and furniture pieces is identified, these will be posted on the board in the Christian Education lobby. Questions? Please speak with Julie Matthews or Gretchen Hirsch about the collection.

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### **Prepare for Lent**

**Lent begins March 4** and takes us to Easter on April 17. Our theme is *Good Enough*, inspired by the new devotional book by Kate Bowler and Jessica Ritchie, *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*. **Preorder your copy of *Good Enough*** from your favorite bookseller now. And **sign up to participate in a weekly Zoom small group discussion** of the devotionals during Lent. These will meet once a week on Zoom, at the times below, for about 30 minutes from the week of March 6 through the week of April 10. Please sign up ahead of time to participate, using the link in the weekly email (<https://tinyurl.com/2p8c5r5h>) or call the church office.

- Sundays at 7 pm, led by Derek Helenberger
- Wednesdays at 7 pm, led by Kevin Ball and Krispen Carroll
- Thursdays at 10:30 am, led by Chris Klein