

## Order of Public Worship of God

The Nineteenth Day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

### PRELUDE

"The way we gather matters. Gatherings consume our days and help us determine the kind of world we live in, in both our intimate and public realms."

- Priya Parker, *The Art of Gathering*

"It is wonderful to observe in Philippi both the universal appeal of the gospel (that it could reach such a wide diversity of people) and its unifying effect (that it could bind them together in God's family)."

- John Stott, *The Message of Acts*



### OPENING PRAYER | Augustine, 354-430 A.D.

Look upon us, O Lord,  
and let all the darkness of our souls  
vanish before the beams of your brightness.  
Fill us with holy love,  
and open to us the treasures of your wisdom.  
All our desire is known to you,  
therefore perfect what you have begun,  
and what your Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.  
We seek your face,  
turn your face to us and show us your glory.  
Then shall our longing be satisfied,  
and our peace shall be perfect.

### † HYMN OF WORSHIP | "For The Beauty Of The Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For the church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given,  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

### † CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 22:25-28

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.  
**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;**  
**those who seek him shall praise the Lord!**  
May your hearts live forever!  
All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.  
**For kingship belongs to the Lord,**  
**and he rules over the nations.**

### CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM | Harris Reed Carter, infant son of Miles and Kathryn Carter

Parents:

Do you acknowledge Harris's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?  
Do you claim God's covenant promises and benefits for Harris and by faith do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation as you do your own?  
Do you now unreservedly dedicate Harris to God, and do you promise by relying on God's power and grace through the Holy Spirit, to live an exemplary life before him?  
Do you commit yourself to pray with and for Harris, to teach him the Scriptures and the great articles of our faith in Jesus Christ?  
Do you promise to use every means provided by God, including faithful participation in the life of the Church, to bring Harris up in the loving discipline of the Lord?

Congregation:

Do you, a member of this congregation, acting for yourself and on behalf of the whole Body of Christ, assume responsibility with these parents for the spiritual nurture of this child?  
Do you commit yourselves to set a Godly example before him, to provide, as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that he may one day confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### WELCOME TO THE COVENANT COMMUNITY

Jesus Loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

### † HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | "All Creatures Of Our God And King"

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care!  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Our King of Peace"  
My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God!  
My Savior has seen his servant in need,  
And behold the great things he has done:  
He scatters the proud and rich; he lifts up the humble and weak.  
The kings of the earth, he casts from their thrones  
And the hungry he welcomes to feast.

Refrain:

Oh, behold, my Savior has come! And my soul will tell of his praise,  
For he who is strong has come to the weak  
And, at last, he will reign as our King of Peace!

From now to the end of time the nations will know me as blest  
For God has made new his promise of love  
And mercy through Abraham's seed (refrain)

### INVOCATION AND 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.

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### † CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed

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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will 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 life everlasting.  
Amen.

### † DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### † GREETING

Junior Worship begins for children age four through first grade. Please escort children to the following classrooms. Preschool - Room 10;  
Kindergarten and First Grade - Room 9. Children will return to sit with their families before communion.

READING OF GOD'S WORD | Acts 16:11-40

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON | Series: Heaven Is Local

Sermon: "What Story is the Gospel Telling?"

- Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFSSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Psalm 103:11–12

"As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

*How do we take communion here at St. Patrick?*

*As the ushers come past your row, please come to the front, take one piece of bread and one cup of wine or juice. Consume these immediately and dispose of your cups in the receptacle on the side as you return to your seat. Each table serves both wine and grape juice, and all of our bread is gluten-free.*

*Who comes to the Table?*

*Communion is open to all baptized believers who have made a profession of faith in Jesus. If you have children who have not made a profession of faith, they are not ready to partake of the elements, but please bring them forward to be blessed by one of our elders. If you are not a believer but want to know more about Jesus, you are invited to come forward and simply bypass the table, letting one of the leaders know that you would like to learn more about what it means to know and belong to Jesus.*

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE | "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne!

Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity!

Crown him the Lord of love! Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail redeemer hail, for thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail, throughout eternity!

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save!  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die!

† BENEDICTION | Ephesians 3:17-19

"May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

*Scripture tells us to make our needs known to God, and to call others to pray with and for us.  
If you would like prayer, elders will be standing in the front of the sanctuary (pulpit side)  
immediately following the service to pray with you.*



Upcoming Events and Registrations:



# ST. PATRICK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EPC



Fiscal Fitness

The budget for our fiscal year that began on July 1, 2022 and ends on June 30, 2023 is based on unrestricted giving of \$1.63 million. The unrestricted operating cash reserve fund balance began the current fiscal year with approximately \$835 thousand. Below is the latest financial update for the month ended January 31, 2023:

	Month	Year-to-date
Actual unrestricted tithes and offerings	\$ 90,968	\$1,008,809
Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings	94,339	1,041,745
Favorable (unfavorable)	(\$ 3,371)	(\$ 32,936)

As of January 31, 2023, we have approximately \$2.3 million in total debt and approximately \$152 thousand in cash restricted for facilities. This restricted cash balance will be used to fund minimum principle payments and cover any unexpected, unplanned maintenance needs for our facility.

**LOVING GOD. LOVING PEOPLE. LOVING LIFE.**