

December 28, 2025

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE            Go Tell it On the Mountain

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In worship, we hear God's story and we ask,

**People: "What did God do long ago?"**

Leader: In worship, we hear God's story, so we ask,

**People: "What is God doing, here and now?"**

Leader: In worship, we hear God's story, then we ask,

**People: "What can we do to respond to it all?"**

Leader: Listen, God is speaking.

**People: Listen, it may be time to act.**

Leader: Let us worship our moving, inspiring, with-us God.

**People: Amen.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

\*HYMN            "Do You Hear What I Hear"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emmanuel, God with us,

Scripture tells us that you were a refugee,

But we love to forget that information.

We love to forget every act of gun violence.

We love to forget how many people go hungry,

Or how many students do not have access to good education.

We love to forget the injustices in our world that feel too big for us

to face. But you are a God who refuses to forget.

So today we pray: make it impossible for us to overlook the

stories of those in need. Make it impossible for us to sweep

injustice under the rug. Open our eyes along with our hearts, so

that the anger we feel around injustice might fuel a fire for action.

With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray.

**Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Family of faith, even when we fail to do justice, even when we fail to love kindness, even when we allow fear to override action, freezing us in place, God still loves us.

So, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: On our best days and on our worst days, we belong to God. We are invited into the community. We are held in God's grace. We are forgiven.

And we are sent to serve.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 63:7-9

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM            Belleau Wood / Stile Nacht

**SECOND READING**

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON            Fight Or Flight

SILENT REFLECTION

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*HYMN #145        What Child is This

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To share a joy or concern: Click [HERE](#) or use the QR code

OFFERING The Name of Jesus

To give online: Click [HERE](#), or use the QR code

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Liturgy by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Philip K. Gladden | The Presbyterian Outlook | pres-outlook.org

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Discover Membership Class Sunday January 18

Contact Pastor Brett or Sheree Fleming for more information. This group will meet in the library after Sunday service.

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