

November 26, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Instrumental Megan McGee-Bonta

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*HYMN #553 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! Forge is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

DECLARATION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the selfish ways of this world and thus fail to be governed by justice and love. We are more concerned with our happiness and satisfaction than with seeking first your kingdom, no matter the cost. All too often, we desire all the benefits of the kingdom, without accepting the King. In your mercy, forgive us our sins and lead us to repentance. [. . . silent private confession . . .] Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, observing and obeying all that our Lord Jesus Christ taught and commanded. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"
Sanctuary Choir

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "If Jesus is a king, what are we?"
Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-12, NLT

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERING

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

MUSIC "10,000 Reasons" Praise Band

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Gregg Meserole as our guest preacher.

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Don Watson, Music Director, don@erpc.org

Cathy McGee, Executive Administrator, office@erpc.org



Coffee & a
Question:
Thoughts
About Divine
Hospitality

Join an informal gathering from 10:00-11:00 am in the downstairs community room at Yeti's Grind in Eagle, 330 Broadway St. On four Tuesdays leading up to Christmas, we will enjoy a beverage and conversation as we consider holy invitations while preparing to welcome Christ once again. Come whenever you are able. This is the perfect opportunity to invite a friend into a warm and welcoming space.

Tuesdays: Nov. 28; Dec. 5, 12, 19

Contact Laura Smith 317-873-2678

December 3rd at ERPC - A congregational meeting has been called by Session at the end of worship on December 3rd for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the congregational Nominating Committee as they present names for Elders, Deacons, Treasurer and Nominating Committee.
