

January 28, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Just A Closer Walk With Thee

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*HYMN #171 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God comes into a world filled with certainties and uncertainties, light and darkness.

People: God seeks out belief and conviction and is drawn to those who are unsure and lack certainly.

Leader: God embraces the wounded and broken, the healed and the whole.

People: God builds unity and feeds wellbeing; God knocks down walls of division and strife.

Leader: God's presence is with us in the darkness, and leads us to the True Light in Jesus Christ.

People: God is the one who makes all things new. We're here to praise and honor God, now and forevermore!

All: Let's worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How can we know you and not sing your praise, God? Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted. We treat the world with callous indifference, using its resources carelessly, and with little regard to the future. We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than working for peace. We turn our backs on people in need. The weak and downtrodden go unnoticed. How foolish we are! How ignorant we have become! [. . . time for silent, personal confessions . . .] You have given to us all that we need.

Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and

hope to others. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Joy Overflows: Jesus on the Move – Teaching with Power"

Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

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

MUSIC

"This Is My Father's World"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Some of our worship material is adapted from:

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February 4th after the service is the ERPC Discover Class for those interested in learning more about our ministry and mission, and those interested in membership. After getting some refreshments in the fellowship hall, we will meet in the church library on the 2nd floor. Explore what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member. Contact: Barb Layman office@erpc.org

