



*Psalm 111* by Deannah Baesel

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
JANUARY 28, 2024  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

### Gathering

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

#### Gathering Chime

#### Prelude

*Andantino in D Major*

Kern

#### Welcome and Announcements

Alan Bancroft

#### Introit

*Seek Ye First*

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#### \*Call to Worship

Rey Hancock

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

**Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

**Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

**Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

**Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Come! Let us give thanks to God.

**Let us give thanks to God!**

#### \*Hymn

*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

No. 755

#### \*Call to Confession

Sarah Derifaj

#### \*Prayer of Confession

**Holy and all-powerful God,  
who commands all spirits,  
comforts those in distress,  
and casts out destructive forces,  
we confess that we are unable to do your will.**

**We protect what is familiar  
and reject what is unknown.**

**We admire those with courage  
but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth.**

**We forget that you are always with us,  
 and that with you all things are possible.  
 Forgive us, lead us, make us new.  
 Remove our desire to heed false prophets,  
 and show us your way;  
 in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 one God, Mother of us all. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

**\*Kyrie**

*You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*

No. 437

Em D Em Am Em D Em  
 You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Am D C D Em C Em  
 You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

Em D G Am Em D E  
 You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.



***This Week's Floral Dedication***  
*The flowers in the Sanctuary this week are given to the Glory of God in honor of Julie and Free Henry, in celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, their friends, and their church family.*

## Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Gavin Cullen

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 111

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

### The Message

*An Inconvenient Duty*

Paul Lang

### \*Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

No. 450

### \*Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,**

**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and  
neighbor,**

**and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit**

**who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,**

**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,**

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

**to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,**

**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Time With Our Children**

Jennifer Pierce

## **Responding**

### **Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

#### **Offertory**

*Be Still and Know That I Am God*  
Chancel Choir

Larkin

*Be still and know that I am God.  
God is our refuge and strength in trouble.  
God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.  
Be still and know that I am God*

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

### **Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Joys and Concerns of the Congregation**

*Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

## Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Sending

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|-------------------------------------|---|---------|
| <b>*Hymn</b>                        | <i>When We Are Living (vv. 1-3)</i>                                   | No. 822 |
| <b>*Blessing and Charge</b>         |   |         |
| <b>*Response</b>                    | <i>When We Are Living (v. 4)<br/>(See previous hymn)</i>              | No. 822 |
| <b>*Postlude</b>                    | <i>Fanfare</i>  | Lemmens |
| <b>*Sharing the Peace of Christ</b> | <i>You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.</i> |         |

### Today's Worship Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Paul Lang, Rev. Alan Bancroft

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Youth Liturgists: Rey Hancock,

Sarah Derifaj, Gavin Cullen

Children's Time: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Scott Walker, Leah Burton,

Su Johnson, Russell Diggs

Tech: Ian Dunbar, Ken Worsham

Slides: Beth Cleveland

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# THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 28	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation: Pre-K -Grade 5 (C. Ed. Wing) Parlor Class (Parlor) Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall Annex) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online 'Liturgy of the Hours' Pilgrimage Course (FH) Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Monday, January 29	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Lobby) Buildings & Grounds (100) Scout BSA Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall) Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Mtgs. (C. Ed. Bldg.)
Tuesday, January 30	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Scout Troop 232B (Youth Area) Adult Virtual Class (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 31	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, February 1	1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Duke Mindfulness MBSR Group (Fellowship Hall) Music Group (100) Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
Friday, February 2	930 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer (Parlor) Courage, Strength, & Hope (Library)
Saturday, February 3	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, February 4	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation: Pre-K -Grade 5 (C. Ed. Wing) Parlor Class (Parlor) Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall Annex) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online 'Liturgy of the Hours' Pilgrimage Course (FH) Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



## Lent Begins February 14: What to Look For

**This Lent, we are again using materials from *A Sanctified Art*. We'll be focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples.** In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

**This Lent, we will look for ourselves in the stepping stones of Peter's story.** We will reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. As we wander, let us tune our hearts to sing God's grace. May we rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing.

**Devotional materials will be available in the Narthex beginning February 11.**