



St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Welcome to Worship! | January 28, 2024 | 4th Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

Prelude *Word of God, Come Down to Earth*

Frederick Fram

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Your word is a lamp to my feet, Lord.

Your word is a light to my path.

Though the world around me tosses and tumbles,

I hold fast to you.

Though I have doubts and worries,

I hold fast to you.

Though my heart hurts, my spirit aches, and I lose my way,

I hold fast to you.

Though I encounter wickedness and hate seemingly around every corner,

I hold fast to you.

The Bible is your holy Word.

It comforts and instructs me.

Your will and your way, O Lord,

They nudge me along.

Your presence and your promise, O Lord-

They give me hope.

I will hold fast to you.

And I will sing praises to your name!

***Hymn 65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God of Love, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen. You show us your path, but we prefer our own way, often running away from you. Have mercy upon us and forgive us, Lord. Lead us back to you, that we might in turn show mercy to others. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Proverbs 2:1-5

Second Lesson 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Sermon *The Bible: That's the Book for Me*

Rev. Dr. Gary Smith

***Hymn 458** *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet* (sing twice)

***Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *I've Got Peace Like a River*

arr. Sandra Eithun

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn 450** *Be Thou My Vision*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Dismissal**

*We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that
God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us.*

Postlude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Paul Manz

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant

Adult Handbell Choir
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Melinda Stewart

Our Mission

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.