



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | January 14, 2024 | 2nd Sunday After Epiphany

It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude *What Star is This?*

Lani Smith

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

Before we move or think or speak, you know our actions and our words.

You breathed life into us and shaped us in human form to serve your purpose and sing your praise.

How wonderful are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the expanse of your grace and love!

Praise the Lord!

***Hymn 611** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of abundant mercy, you embodied love for us in the life of Jesus Christ.

You ate with sinners and shared with outcasts. You loved with boldness and healed with grace. Forgive us, O God, when we do not trust your love: when we doubt whether we are worthy of your care. Forgive us, O God, when we try to cheapen love: when we limit it to shallow feelings instead of bold actions. Help us, O God, when we cannot feel your love, when we are isolated, afraid, and unable to see your presence. Send your Spirit to help us embrace your love and free us to try again, and let your love lead the way. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

***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 1 Samuel 3:1-20

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

Second Lesson John 1:43-51

Sermon *An Invitation, Two Questions, and a Promise*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Hymn 722** *Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak*

***Affirmation of Faith:** 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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Will You Come and Follow Me*

arr. Tom Trenney

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

***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 *Postlude In C*

James Mansfield

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns

Organist/Pianist, Steve Lowry
Adult Choir
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Scott Murray

The flowers in the Sanctuary

Are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Tom Craven by his family.

Our Mission

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