



**Sunday, January 16, 2022**  
**9:00 and 11:10 a.m.**

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

### **PRELUDE**

*"Prelude"*

César Franck

*As we joyfully greet each other today, sharing the gifts of friendship and love,  
as the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.*

### **SILENT MEDITATION**

*"Christians don't simply learn or study or use Scripture; we assimilate it, take it into our lives in such a way that it gets metabolized into acts of love, cups of cold water, mission into all the world, healing and evangelism and justice in Jesus' name."*

Eugene Peterson

### **CHORAL INTROIT (11:10)**

*"With Prayer and Supplication"*

H. H. A. Beach

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have found the Messiah,

**Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.**

Our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**May we shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth!**

## **PRAISE AND ADORATION**

### **\*OPENING HYMN #395**

*"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"*

LIEBSTER JESU

(\*Please stand, if you are able.)

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Grace, through the Holy spirit, you have blessed us with many spiritual gifts. When we use these gifts of faith, we can act as your agents to help others and foster a world of cooperation. Yet, we confess that we have failed to use these gifts of the Spirit. We have neglected your call on our lives. We watch as anger and apathy take charge. Forgive us and renew our desire to use the gifts you have given us for your glory. We pray that through them we can share our love of Christ Jesus and be agents of your peace.

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Schubert



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI (#581)

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

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.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

“Adagio” (9:00)

Jiri Antonin Benda; arr. Jeff Bradetich

“My Song Shall Be Always of the Loving-Kindness of the Lord” (11:10)

Gerald Near

## FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Arietta – Larghetto sostenuto” (9:00)

De Fesch

“The Glory of the Father” (11:10)

Egil Hovland

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2: 1-11

page 863 of the pew Bible

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD****\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***from A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

**\*DOXOLOGY (#609)***"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

**\*HYMN #756***"O God of Every Nation"*

LLANGLOFFAN

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"*

Marcel Dupré

## SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

**Music** 9:00 Bill Ritchie, double bass; Kristi Treu, piano  
11:10 Chamber Singers; Dana Sloan, organ

**Childcare Ministry** Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher

**Joys and Concerns** Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Anna Sumner in gratitude for our Deacons.

**Ushers** 9:00 Patti Sparks, John Spark, Kathy Moore  
11:10 David Hopp, Patty Ritchie, Inga Wagner

**Greeters** North Door: 9:00 Sue Meusey 11:10 Wendy Chapman  
South Door: 9:00 Ken and Cindy Nisley 11:10 Kris and Tim Goodman

**Information Center** 9:00 Karen Saunders 11:10 Pam Swenson

**Coffee Hosts** Bidong Tot

### STAFF

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## for the week of January 16, 2022

### The Week at a Glance

#### Sunday, January 16

##### Pantry Sunday

- 9:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 Christian Education
- 11:10 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 JHF Fellowship
- 12:15 New Member Class
- 4:45 SHF Fellowship
- 8:00 College Bible Study with Christine

#### Monday, January 17

- 9:00 & 11:00 M&M Exercise
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Deacons

#### Tuesday, January 18

- 9:30 Staff
- 1:00 Bible Study with Marshall
- 5:30 Finance

#### Wednesday, January 19

- 4:00 PieceMakers
- 5:15 PCOC Book Group
- 5:30 Cornerstone
- 5:30 Chamber Singers
- 5:50 Dinner
- 6:30 Confirmation Class
- 6:30 Smart Gen Class
- 6:40 Alleluia Singers

#### Thursday, January 20

- 9:00 & 11:00 M&M Exercise
- 10:00 Tai Chi

#### Sunday, January 23

- 9:00 NO 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Christian Education
- 11:10 Worship in the Sanctuary, ending with the Congregational Meeting
- 12:30 Congregational Lunch
- 4:45 SHF/JHF Fellowship
- 8:00 College Bible Study with Christine

### City of Omaha COVID-19 Prevention Order

In accordance with last Wednesday's COVID-19 Prevention Order issued by the City Health Director, our church's Safety Committee urges us to comply with this mandate requiring the wearing of masks in all premises that are open to the general public, including churches. See further details on page 4 of these announcements.

### Today at 10:00 a.m. - So, You're Presbyterian! What exactly does that mean and why should you care? Led by Keith Allen

When a church like PCOC has great preaching, great music, great education, great people, and great facilities, does being Presbyterian matter? You bet! Come learn what is it about being Presbyterian that should matter to you and have fun doing it. You can choose to just show up and be inspired, or buy an interesting little book that goes with the course that is easy to read. For the die-hard students, there are take-home study questions to prepare in advance. Something for everyone! The class meets downstairs in the Great Room, Sundays, January 9 – February 27 at 10:00 a.m.

### Today is our next New Member Class

Our next new member class is held today in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:10 service. Feel free to join us, even if you haven't registered.



### Our Annual Congregational Meeting is Next Sunday, January 23

Worship is held only at 11:10, and the meeting begins towards the conclusion of the service. Everyone is invited to stay for the meeting, although only PCOC members may vote or participate. A soup luncheon follows the meeting. An informational packet will be available for the meeting, which includes the 2022 budget, committee summaries, congregational statistics, and staff reports. Besides receiving this information, the congregation is asked to vote on a new class of elders and deacons, the new Nominating Committee for next year, and any changes to the pastors' salary packages. The meeting should be brief but informative. The following PCOC members have been nominated:

**Nominated to serve as Elders (3-year term):**

Amy Boesen  
Curt Field  
Belinda Greiner  
Linda Matson  
Lloyd Meyer  
Kathy Nickel  
Anne Wattles  
Stephanie Weaver

**Nominated to serve as Deacons (3-year term):**

Jerry Cornett  
Neal Hubbard  
John Morey  
Tina Morgan  
Ginger Peterson-Britt  
Inga Wagner  
Danny Whitlow  
Carolyn Will  
Piper Smith (2-year)

**Nominees for the next Nominating Committee:**

Brad Gibson, Earlene Uhrig, Jim Chapin, Anna Sumner, Dennis Boesen (alt.), Staci Voss (alt.)

**Next Sunday!** At the conclusion of the meeting, an all-church soup luncheon will follow, provided by the Congregational Life Committee. No sign up is needed!



**Sunday School Room Change**

The Senior High Sunday School Class will meet in Room 15 (upstairs) at 10:00 a.m. until further notice.

**The Tuesday Bible Study is at 1pm in Room 15 with Dr. Marshall Ziemann**

In 2022 we will study the book of Genesis. No previous experience in a Bible Study is necessary, and no homework is required. Just bring your favorite Bible and join Dr. Ziemann to explore how the Bible speaks to our lives today. The study is also offered via Zoom. To join the study, contact the church office.

**No Active Minds in January.** Due to the current upsurge in Douglas County COVID cases, we will delay Active Minds return for a while longer. Hope to see you in February. Remain diligent and stay healthy.

- Earlene Uhrig

**Making Smart Digital Choices Workshop for Parents, led by Smart Gen Society**

**We know screen time is having a huge impact on our children's social, emotional, physical, and mental well-being.** While monitoring the impact screen time can have on an individual, it is also important to recognize what is on the screen. Come learn how to manage digital choices for your children and how to teach your children to make smart digital choices for themselves at this two-part workshop offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on two consecutive Wednesday nights.



**This Wednesday, January 19, the class is for parents and children together.**

This workshop is geared towards parents of children in kindergarten thru high school, but all are welcome to attend! Please register online or call Heather for more information. This class will be offered in person and via livestream. Indicate how you will attend when you sign up. If you attend the class online, the livestream link will be sent to you via email. If you attend in person and plan to eat Cornerstone dinner, you must register in advance. Childcare will be provided.

**Diving into Scripture led by Kirk Ryckman, Wednesdays during Cornerstone - January 26 – March 16**

This class uses 3 sources in the Kerygma Bible Study Series: *Your Bible: The Study Begins* and *Listening to Scripture – Strategies for Interpreting the Bible.*, and, of course, the Bible. The class will aim to be helpful for the newer Bible study participant, and yet have a depth that will also engage the experienced student of Scripture.

Areas we will look at will be:

How did the Bible Come to Be?

What is the New Testament about?

Exploring the historical setting.

Putting it all together for future study.

What is the Old Testament about?

How has the Bible been preserved and handed on?

Discovering the original audience.

All questions will be welcomed, and you may also attend this class via Zoom.

### **A Big Thank You from the Mission Committee**

In December, members of our congregation donated over \$2,800 towards disaster relief for those affected by tornados. The Committee matched those donations and we have sent a check to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for over \$5600.

Also, our special Christmas Offerings amounted to some \$3,700. Half of that total is sent as our Christmas Joy Offering, a national Presbyterian offering supporting both current and retired church workers. The other half is used to brighten Christmas for local children with Completely Kids and Douglas and Sarpy County CASA.

### **Another Thank You**

The Worship & Music Committee thanks all those who helped undecorate our sanctuary by taking down and packing up our Christmas decorations after last Sunday's Vesper Concert. A special thanks goes out to our youth and their leaders, who showed up *en masse* to make it a quick job. Many hands make light work. Everyone's efforts were much appreciated.

### **49ers is back on February 1 and ready to bring our attendees information along with Camaraderie!**

Renaë Bush, Community Relations Specialist at Heartland Hope Mission will be our speaker. At Heartland Hope Mission's South Omaha and Millard food pantries, families in need receive a week's supply of nutritious groceries including milk, frozen meat, and fresh produce to prepare well-balanced meals at home. Clients also receive clothing, hygiene items, diapers, and access to a client service specialist, who assists with SNAP (food stamp) applications and navigational services. Last year the pantries provided food and resources to over 55,000 people. All services are provided locally. The lunch location is Gorat's, 4917 Center Street, at 11:30 a.m. on February 1. Everyone is welcome - whether or not you are 49, younger or older, come join us! We will order from a special menu. For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. We also have a sign-up sheet at the Information Center.



**Young Adult Mission Retreat! Save the Date!** Back by popular demand, we will have a young adult mission trip June 23-26. Our homebase will be at Camp Calvin Crest, and we will do mission projects in Fremont and Omaha. Plan on joining us for this wonderful extended weekend.

**Chancel Flowers.** Time to sign up for chancel flowers for 2022! A signup sheet is available at the Information Center, or you can call the church office, 402-333-7466. The cost is \$25.00. This is an excellent way to celebrate a special event or honor someone special.



**2022 Offering Envelopes Have Arrived** They are on the table in the narthex in alphabetical order.

## COVID Safety Update

COVID cases are on the rise in Omaha, so let's work together to keep our congregation safe! Please do your part. **If you or a family member are not feeling well, please stay home from church.** **While at church, please follow our safety protocols.**

Our Safety Committee met on Wednesday, offering this summary:

"The City Health Director for the City of Omaha has issued an Order instituting a mask mandate, effective January 12, 2022, and continuing for four weeks with the possibility of being extended. The full text of the Order can be found on the website of the Douglas County Health Department ([douglascountyhealth.com](http://douglascountyhealth.com)). The Order states that all those ages five (5) and older must wear a mask over their mouth and nose unless they are able to maintain six feet of separation at all times from anyone who is not a member of their household. The Church expects those attending worship in person to comply with the terms of the Order. In addition, the Church requires anyone participating in youth or adult education or other activities inside the church to wear a mask at all times during the activity."

Thus, our safety protocols have changed, and we expect those attending worship and activities in person to comply with the terms of the City Order by doing the following:

- Wear a mask in the hallways, in the Narthex, and while entering and exiting the Sanctuary until you are seated. These are situations where 6 feet of distance cannot be guaranteed at all times.
- When choosing your seat in the Sanctuary, observe social distancing guidelines and sit at least 6 feet away from others who are not part of your household. If you are unable to maintain 6 feet of distance, keep your mask on.

While masks are not required if you can maintain the conditions above, masks are still recommended to protect your health and the health of those around you.

And remember, for anyone participating in youth or adult education/activities inside the church, wear a mask at all times during the activity.

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