



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, January 14, 2024

11:10 a.m. only

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Prayer from "Suite Gothique"

Leonard Boellmann

As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

SILENT MEDITATION

"God doesn't need your good works, but your neighbor does."

Martin Luther

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 139: 7-10

Where can we go from God's spirit?

If we ascend to heaven, God is there; if we make our bed in Sheol, God is there.

If we take the wings of morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

Even there God's hand shall lead us, and God's right hand will hold us fast.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN #722

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

CANONBURY

(*Please stand if you are able)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON (#434)

Restore in Us, O God

BAYLOR

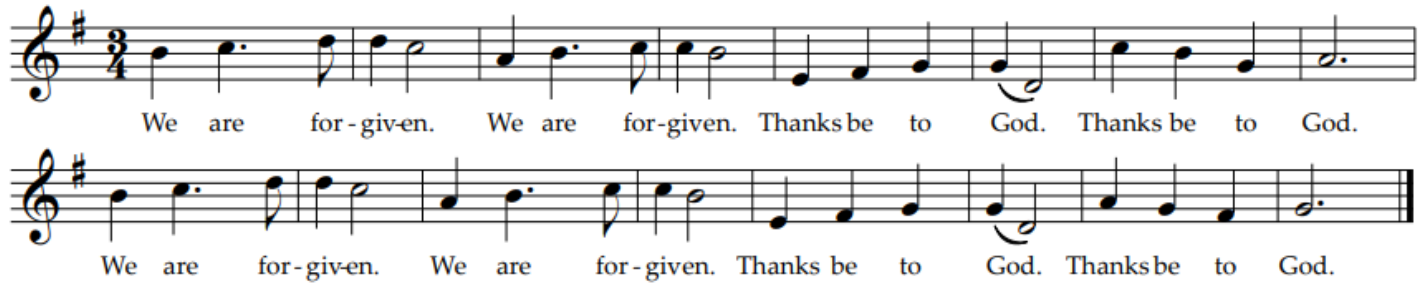
Restore in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#447)

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'We Are Forgiven'. The first staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: 'We are for-giv-en. We are for-given. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.' The second staff is identical to the first, with the same lyrics: 'We are for-giv-en. We are for-given. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.'

WELCOME

During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 139: 1-12

page 503 of the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN 735

I Need Thee Every Hour

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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

I Shall Know Him When He Comes

Douglas Wagner

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 1: 43-51

page 863 of the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Come and See"

Dr. Zieman

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Question 1 of the Heidelberg Catechism

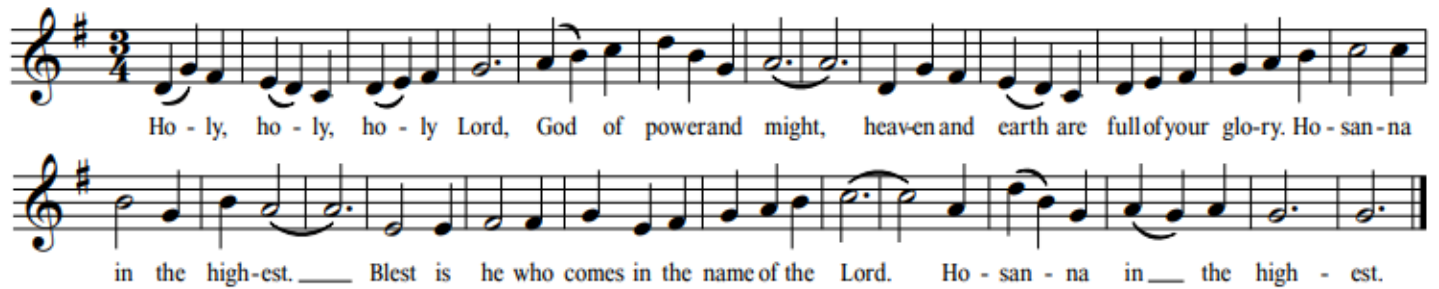
Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

***SANCTUS (#572)**

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)



RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

I Believe This Is Jesus

Victor C. Johnson

DOXOLOGY

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the good news of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

God Is Good

Gene Grier & Lowell Everson

(sung by the Choir)

POSTLUDE

Processional in G

John Stanley

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist	Charlotte Hubbard
Music	Alleluia Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ
Ushers	Tim Goodman, Captain, Kris Goodman, Judy Sundberg, Tim Jerry, Patty Ritchie
Greeters	North Door: Joe and Stephanie Weaver Welcome Center: Nancy Anderson
Information Center	Sue Meusey
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher

For your convenience during worship: Bibles, hymnals, and sign-in books are in the pews. Blue envelopes are provided for the offering, and yellow prayer request cards are also provided. Prayer requests are confidential.

Please note: If you would like to have an item included in the Bulletin Announcements, the deadline for submissions is Wednesday night each week. Once an item has been submitted, it will be included automatically until the event has passed. Send your information to communications@pcoc.us. Thank you!

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Announcements

For the week of January 14, 2024

The Week Briefly

Sunday, January 14

- 11:10 Worship
- 11-2 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's
- 4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House
- 12-9 pm SHF/JHF PMRV Youth Outing

Monday, January 15

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 5:30 Investment Committee
- 6:30 Board of Deacons

Tuesday, January 16

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 5:30 Finance Committee
- 6:00 Vesper Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 17

- 5:15 Children's Choir
- 5:15 PCOC Book Group
- 5:50 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
- 6:30 Bible Study and Adult Education
- 6:30 Confirmation Class
- 6:50 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, January 18

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Carillon Choir
- 6:30 Agape for All

Friday, January 19

Cross Currents Deadline

Saturday, January 20

- 8-10:30 Presbyterian Men Breakfast

Sunday, January 21 Pantry Sunday

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Children's & Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Bach's St. Matthew Passion Class
- 10:00 Recent New Members' Reception
- 11:10 Worship
- 12:15 New Member Discussion
- 3:00 Vesper Concert
- 3-6 JHF Bowling
- 4:45 SHF Fellowship

Joys and Concerns. Continue to pray for those who have recently been hospitalized – Frank Watt, Larry Keating, Marshall Ziemann, and Mike Shannon.

Epiphany Stars today. If you didn't pick one last week, you're invited to take an Epiphany Star from the basket in the Narthex as you leave worship. Each star holds a single word. Take your star home and place it in a place where it will catch your eye and make you pause for a moment of reflection throughout the year. How will the star word speak to you in 2024?

Giving Envelopes for 2024. New year giving envelopes are now available in the Welcome Center. If you don't find your envelopes or would like to use envelopes, please contact Rock.

The Tuesday Bible Studies Resume January 16. Our Tuesday gatherings resume on January 16 as we study the Old Testament book of Exodus. Newcomers are always welcome; just bring your favorite Bible and join us in the classroom in the Welcome Center at 7:00 a.m. (men's only) or 1:00 p.m. (everyone).

Cornerstone Has Resumed through March 13. Join us for food, fellowship and fun on Wednesday nights for all ages. Childcare is provided from 5:30 – 8:15 p.m. Register & pay online.

Two New Member Activities on January 21. The Membership Committee will host a New Member Reception on Sunday, January 21 in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. between worship services. All members are invited to attend as we welcome those members who have joined our congregation from January 2023 through January 2024. Cake and beverages will be served.

Then, after the 11:10 worship service, we will host our next New Member Discussion for prospective new members. The discussion will last about an hour, and a light lunch will be provided. Sign up online or call the church office to register!

Nordic Choir Housing. The Nordic Choir from Luther College is coming to PCOC on Thursday, February 1, to perform a concert at 7:00 p.m. We need to house about 66 students for the night. Do you have room for 2-4 singers? If so, please sign up on the

church website. More information about hosting can be found on the signup form.

Agape for All - Cocoa, Cookies and Conversation January 18. Bring a friend and share the warm Hearth

Room atmosphere from 7-9pm. Everyone will have opportunities for meaningful conversations. With Agape for All we focus on social justice and in particular racial justice. Sign up online if you plan to attend.

Presbyterian Men meet Saturday, January 20. On Saturday, January 20 at 9:00 am, PCOC men are invited to attend a continental breakfast and program in the Welcome Center featuring Dr. William Schlichtemeier, Retired Eye Surgeon. Please sign up to attend at the Information Desk by today. Invite someone to attend with you. Contact Gary Fitch with questions.

49ERS on February 6. 49ERS will be meeting for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). Our speakers will be Katie Broman, Director of Brand & Community Marketing, along with Tom Lynch, Historian from Boys Town. Reservations and/or questions, please contact Mary Ott, or Judy Sundberg or sign up at the information desk.

Friday Night Gourmet February 9 Mike Howland and Linda Matson, and Tony Craig invite you all to come celebrate an early Valentine's Day dinner at Johnny's Café at 6:15 located at 4702 S 27th Street, Omaha, NE. Entrée choices are listed on the sign-up sheet at the information desk. Please make checks out to cover your entrée selections addressed to "PCOC" with "FNG" in the memo line. Please sign up and pay in advance via the envelope with the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk. The last day to sign-up will be Sunday, February 4th at 12:15 p.m. See or call Mike or Linda if you have questions.

Lenten Study for 2024. This year's churchwide Lenten Study will begin February 18. We'll be studying Magrey DeVega's book, Savior, What the Bible Says about the Cross. Register online by February 1 or stop by the Information Desk if you need assistance registering.

Humanitarian Aid for Israel and Palestine Donations. The Mission Committee is sending \$5000 from their budget to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for humanitarian aid in Israel and Palestine. Working through partners on the ground and ACT Alliance, PDA's response efforts will encompass an array of vital humanitarian interventions, including medical supplies, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), food and non-food items, and delivering crucial psycho-social support to individuals. The church will collect donations through the end of January. Write PDA Israel/Palestine on the memo of your check, or you may give online via the church website by choosing Disaster Relief as the fund.

PER CAPITA – What it is and Why?

All members should be aware of the Per Capita Assessment that our church pays each year. This money goes to offset the administrative cost for the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. The per capita assessment supports this process so that all Presbyterian programs, missions, and ministries may function better. This year our per capita is \$40.80 per member. What that means is our church will pay \$30,559.20 by February 15, 2024, for our membership at Church of the Cross. If you decide to give a special gift to cover the per capita cost for your family, it will help the church offset our assessment. That would be: **\$40.80 for a single family member, \$81.60 for a two-member family, \$122.40 for a three-member family, and \$163.20 for a four-member family.** You are welcome to use the blue pew envelopes. Please drop it in the offering plate or mail your gift to Rock Sumner at church.

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