



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

January 28, 2024

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*\*Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. DeCou

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111

#### **Praise the Lord!**

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

**in the company of the uprights, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord;

**studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is God's work;

**and the Lord's righteousness endures forever.**

The Lord sent redemption to his people;

**the Lord has commanded his covenant forever.**

Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.

**Come, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 459 (V.1-3)

Father, We Praise Thee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, we do praise you for you are the glory resounding throughout all creation. But despite our songs of praise and our prayers of gratitude, we confess that there are moments when we doubt what we sing. Our list of needs is sometimes long, and from time to time we pray for a miracle.**

**Thus when our desires are not fully met or the miracle does not come about, we begin to doubt your love and care for us. We quickly forget that we are here on earth for only a moment and that our greater joy and glory is yet to come. Send your Spirit into our midst to assure us that the hope and peace of salvation as promised through Jesus Christ can sustain us until that day of peace arrives for each of us. In Jesus' name we pray.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, our hope is founded on the fact that Jesus Christ lived for us, prays for us and died for us so that we would find eternal peace and joy in His presence. Praise the Lord!

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Mark 1:21-28

SERMON

Immaculate Reception

Rev. Larry Van Hise

ANTHEM

I Believe

Mark A. Miller  
The Chancel Choir

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.  
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.  
I believe in God even when he is silent.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the boxes at the front and rear of the sanctuary  
or make your gifts online or via mail.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN 303 (V.1-4)

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Father, We Praise Thee

arr. Callahan

Worship Leaders

Rev. Larry Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Noralee Manzek, Liturgist

Susan Charlton, Shirley Heinsohn and Ruthann Arras, Coffee Hour Hosts

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