

**McKEESPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE**

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

January 14, 2024

WE ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

"How Majestic is Your Name"

**Candice Holsinger, Organist
Arr. Smith**

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139)

(L) O Lord, You have searched us and You know us!

(C) You are acquainted with all of my ways!

(L) It was You who lovingly formed us

(C) You knit me together in my mother's womb

(L) Wonderful are Your works, O Lord!

(C) I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

(L) Wonderful are Your works, O Lord!

(ALL) I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made!!

***HYMN**

"How Firm a Foundation" (Vv. 1 & 2)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful Lord,

God of Grace and Mercy.

You call us to follow you - but we don't. We follow those who play on our fears.

You call us to "come and see" - but we don't. We 'already know' and don't need to see.

We 'wait' ... but not on You. We wait on our fears; afraid of what we might 'see' and where You might lead us.

You call us to be thermostats; changing the temperature of the world around us.

We confess we are more often thermometers; simply a reflection of the world's temperature.

'Gracious King, have mercy on us and replace our fears with a profound trust in You.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Psalm 103)**

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our failures. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, is his steadfast love toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, he removes our sins from us." In Jesus Christ, your sins have been, are, and forever will be forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

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**Glory be 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS

Leader: "For (joy) , Gracious God..."

All: "we give you thanks"

CONCERNS

Leader: "For (concern) , Merciful Lord ..."

All: "hear our prayer."

Let's pray together 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please contact the church by email or phone with your prayer requests during the week.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Please welcome the children to the front of the sanctuary.

ANTHEM

"Praise to the Lord"

(Chancel Choir)

Arr. Caudil

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 1: 43-51

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⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

SERMON

"Follow Me, Come and See"

Rev. Michael Stanton

THE RESPONSE

WE COMMIT TO THE WORK OF GOD

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Presentation of Candidates for Ordination/Installation

Ruling Elder: Mark Jones, Alan Guzewicz, Vince Veltre
Deacon: Kim Culp, carol Lasch, Joanna Stettmier

Ordination/Installation of Officers

Questions for candidates:

Questions for the congregation:

(L) Do we, the members of the Church, accept these individuals as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of the congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

(C) We do.

(L) Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

(C) We do.

Prayer & Welcome

OFFERTORY

"Didn't He Shine"

Barb McDonough, Soloist

***DOXOLOGY**

HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation" (Vv 3 & 4)

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THE EXIT

WE ENGAGE THE WORLD OF GOD

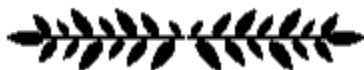
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Join All the Glorious Name"

Candice Holsinger, Organist
Arr. Darwall

All those who are able, please stand



ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 14, 2024

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY:

Monday is Martin Luther King Day and may his call to "I have a Dream" be continued onward throughout our lives and community. The Church office will be closed on Monday.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, please contact the church office.

TAKE CARE, THE FLU AND COLD SEASON IS UPON US:

Please help keep everyone healthy. If you have a cold or flu, please consider joining us virtually or utilizing the masks available at the entrances. We all thank you.

LAST CALL- 2024 PLEDGES:

We are excited about what God has in store for us in 2024. Your support plays a vital part. If you haven't already done so, please consider what God is calling you to contribute, financially and otherwise, to God's work through us.

HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES AND SOCKS:

We have been collecting hats, scarves, gloves and socks in all sizes, for our community for the winter. If you have any extras of these items please drop them off at the church office. Thank you.

DONATION STATEMENTS:

Donation statements will be sent out on January 17, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns about your statement, please give us a call at the office.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

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