

McKEESPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE

4th Sunday of Epiphany

January 28, 2024

WE ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Holy Ground"

Candice Holsinger, Organist
Arr. Davis

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111)**

(L) We have gathered together this morning to praise the Lord!

(C) In the company of the congregation, we praise the Lord!

(L) The Lord is gracious and merciful, His promises are trustworthy

(C) The works of His hands are faithful and just.

(L) Look and see! He has shown us the power of His works.

(C) His grace and mercy surround us!

(L) Great are the works of the Lord, His righteousness endures forever.

(ALL) We give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart!

***HYMN**

"Praise To the Lord The Almighty" (Vv. 1, 2, & 4)

No. 210, brown

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, ... by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We confess we have doubted your power to overcome the very real evils of our world. The evils of poverty, addiction, violence, abuse, racism, war, and hatred overwhelm and intimidate us. We confess we have become desensitized to these evils and have convinced ourselves that there is nothing we can do. In the face of evil, we have given up on You and have turned away from your creation. We read and talk about your power, but have failed to trust in Your power to overcome evil through us, your children and your church. Forgive us and direct us that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. In Jesus Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*** 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**

No. 813, brown

**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

"No, Not One"

**(Chancel Choir)
Arr. Hugg**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 1: 21-28

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²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON

"A New Teaching - with Authority"

Rev. Michael Stanton

THE RESPONSE WE COMMIT TO THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY

"He Touched Me"

**Edward Moore, Soloist
Arr. Gather**

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN**

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"(Vv. 1, 2, & 4)

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THE EXIT

WE ENGAGE THE WORLD OF GOD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Almighty"

**Candice Holsinger, Organist
Arr. Watson**

**All those who are able, please stand"*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 28, 2024

DEACONS:

There will be a meeting of the Deacons following the service today.

FELLOWSHIP II:

Please join together for friendship and fellowship after today's service.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Will be held, Sunday February 4, 2024 at noon in the Fellowship Hall with a luncheon.

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.

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.

EYEGASSES, HEARING AIDS:

Lyons Club of White Oak is collecting old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and used, clean, non-labeled prescription bottles. If you would like to dispose of any of these items, please give them to Carol Lasch or drop them off at the church office.

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