

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**January 29, 2023  
10:00am**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“O for a Closer Walk with God”*  
*“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*  
*“Let All Things Now Living”*  
*“Simple Gifts”*  
*“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”*  
*“Cares Chorus”*  
*“Holy Ground”*  
*“As the Deer Pants for the Water”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CHIMES**

(The pouring of water invites us to remember and to celebrate our baptism into the body of Christ.)

**PRELUDE**

*“Fanfare”* (Mouret)

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your immediate neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Micah 6:8

What does the Lord require of you,  
**but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?**  
Let us worship God.

**\*OPENING HYMN #419**

*“Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House”*

(Hopp)

## **\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. **Amen.**

## **\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

*“Glory Be to the Father”* (Greatorex)

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God’s mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace. Hear the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

## **THE WORD**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. **Amen.**

## **MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Dietta Hitchcock

## **READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS**

Psalm 15

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

Micah 6:1-8

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

I Corinthians 1:18-31

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospels if you are able)

**\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 5:1-12

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN #610**

*“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* (Glaser)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From the Confession of St. Patrick, 5th Century)

**There is no other God, and there never was another, nor will there be any after him except God the Father, without beginning. From him is all beginning. He upholds all things. And his Son Jesus Christ whom together with the Father we testify to have always existed. Before the beginning of the world, he was spiritually present with the Father begotten in an indescribable manner before all beginning. By him all things visible and invisible were made. He was made human and, having overcome death was received into heaven to the Father. And the Father has bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and God. In him we believe, and we await his coming who before long shall judge the living and dead. He will render to everyone according to his deeds, and has poured out abundantly on us the gift of the Holy Spirit, even the pledge of immortality, who makes those that believe and obey to be the sons of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ. Him we confess and adore—one God in the Trinity of the sacred name. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With what shall we come before the Lord this day? We come with a love of justice and a passion for sharing Christ's love. Let us walk in humble gratitude, offering to God a portion of the gifts that God freely shares with us, gifts for the healing of the world.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* (Denton)

## \*DOXOLOGY #606

Genevan Psalter

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.**

## \*OUR 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 and ever. Amen.**

## SENDING

## \*CLOSING HYMN #110

*"Love Has Come"* (French Melody)

(January hymn of the month)

## \*MOMENT OF SILENCE TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

## \*POSTLUDE

*"Standing on the Promises"*

\*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.  
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