



## *Sunday Worship*

*March 5, 2023*

*Draw near to God  
for God is waiting for you.*

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

### **PRELUDE**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Come, all who need help!*

**Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.**

*Come, all who desire blessing!*

**Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

*Come, all who long for salvation!*

**Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger. And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #415** Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

*REFRAIN:* I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

2. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. *Refrain*

3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. *Refrain*

4. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. *Refrain*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that you don't get there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain that it isn't enough. And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you. Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life. In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING***

**...Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

***\*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.**

***FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON*** John 3:1-17

***TIME WITH THE CHILDREN***

***\*HYMN #292*** As the Wind Song

1. As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God. Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown bringing life, bringing power to the world, as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God.

2. As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God, making worlds that are new, making peace come true, bringing gifts, bringing love to the world, as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God.

***SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON*** Genesis 12:1-4a

***SERMON*** Walking with the Wind

***CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP  
OFFERTORY***

***\*DOXOLOGY***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

**You trust us enough to place your blessings in us, so may we be as faithful in offering them back to you, so others might be kept in their loneliness, might be fed in their emptiness, might receive hope in their despair. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS***

***INVITATION TO THE TABLE***

***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*** Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.  
*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***SHARING THE ELEMENTS*** (please hold the bread and then the cup until we all commune together showing our unity in Christ.)

***UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***

**God of manna and mustard seeds, we came to this Table hungry and we leave feeling full—full of hope, full of promise, full of what could be. For we not only found glimpses of you at this Table, but we caught a glimpse of the way things could be: in a meal where all are welcomed and all are fed. Is there anything holier than that? So thank you for nourishing our curiosity alongside our spirit and our conviction. May we always seek you the way you seek after us. With grateful hearts we pray, Amen.**

**\*HYMN #69** Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:* Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS February 26, 2023.**

**This week's carillon is in memory of Charles and Wayne Hurst. Charles was a faithful member of the choir. Wayne was the son of Charles and Florence Hurst.**

**Youth Group Meets Tonight, 6:30 – 8:00:** Seventh – Twelfth graders will be working on a mission project at the home of Ray and Joan Curran: 3241 Lower Mountain Rd., Furlong, PA 18925.

**Thursday Night Bible Study:** Thursday evenings we will explore scripture on Zoom from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. We will be discussing the meaning of the cross, the central symbol of the Christian faith.

**Lenten Mid-Week Communion:** On March 1, a brief Communion service will be held each Wednesday at 11:30 AM here at the church.

**Food Pantry Needs:** This week we are asking for the following items: **Canned meat, Ravioli or Soup.** Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

**CPR Class at Church:** It's not too late to sign up for the CPR class scheduled for next Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:30 AM. The class will prepare those with no medical training to respond in an emergency at church, work, or home. A Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$45/person. After the cost of the book & CPR card are met, \$20/person will be donated to church. For questions, please contact Dana Daniels 215-450-0705 or dldpineville@verizon.net.

**Singers wanted for Easter morning service:** Rehearsals begin March 5, and will last for approximately 20 minutes after the service. All singers welcome!

**Save the date for Vacation Bible School:** June 26-30, 2023. Once again VBS will be held in partnership with The Anchor Presbyterian Church and will be located at their facility. Registrations will begin soon. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Su.

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| <b><u>Calendar:</u></b> | <b>March 5</b> | 9:00 am  | Confirmation Class  |
|                         |                | 10:00 am | Worship Service - followed by Coffee Hour, Fellowship and Sunday School |
|                         |                | 6:30 pm  | Youth Group   |
|                         | <b>March 6</b> | 10:00 am | Parish Life Committee   |
|                         |                | 5:30 pm  | Bell Choir Rehearsal  |
|                         |                | 7:00 pm  | Boy Scout Troop Meeting   |

**March 8**            11:30 am Lenten Communion Service  
                          12:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for fellowship  
                          6:00 pm Bee Keepers Meeting  
                          7:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting  
**March 9**            7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom  
**March 11**          8:30 am CPR Class

Elder of the Month: Pat Gessner    Deacon of the Month: Louise Stemplewicz    Coffee Hour: Beth Conti

*In our thoughts and prayers:*

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Ray Curran, Alvin Cornell,  
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Bill Yerkes

**Church Staff**

**Susan Fall, Pastor**

**Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music      Sue Lewis, Handbell Director**

**Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator**

**Frank Orzechoski, Financial Manager**

