



Sunday Worship
January 14, 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 and see, come and see!

We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.

Come and see, come and see!

We come with open hearts to experience Jesus

Come and see, come and see!

We come to follow Jesus

Come and see, come and see!

We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Come and see, come and see!

Yes, Lord we come to follow you!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious and all loving God, you call to us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all things be according to your will. In the name of your beloved Son we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #634 To God Be the Glory**

1. To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

REFRAIN: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

2. Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *REFRAIN*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 139:1-14

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #753** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 1:35-51

SERMON Who Is the Jesus You See?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PCUSA

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

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**

O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

***HYMN #749** Come! Live in the Light!

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

REFRAIN: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. *Refrain*

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JANUARY 14, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory of Anna B. Brambley. Anna was the sister of member Helen Rockafellow.

YOUTH GROUP: On January 21 we will go bowling at Thunder Lanes: 1475 West Street Rd. Warminster, PA 18974. Meet there at 6:30. Cost is \$11.00 (food is extra). Talk to Pastor Su or Missi Dell'Orefice if you need a ride.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE: Committee Chairs need to submit their annual reports to the church office by Monday January 15.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: January 28 following worship. At that time the annual reports and church budget for 2024 will be received. New Elders and Deacons will be elected and the Pastor's terms of call will be voted on. There will be a potluck lunch following the meeting. Please plan to attend.

NEW BIBLE STUDY – NEW MEETING TIME: The next weekly Bible study will begin on Monday January 22 at 9:30 am. This will be an in-person study but will also be available on Zoom. Pastor Su will lead the discussion on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Friends are also welcome. Coffee will be provided.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: Mark your calendar for February 2 at 5:30 PM when we will hold our next Friday Night Fellowship. It is "Love, Love, Love" Night (in honor of the upcoming holiday). Wear your heart on your sleeve and come on over for fun, fellowship, food and mission. Our project for the night will be to decorate warm socks for those who are homeless. Dinner and games will be provided. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Rice, Canned Tuna or Chicken and hearty soup. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

Calendar:

January 14	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Fellowship Hour
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
January 15		Annual Reports Due
	10:00 am	Parish Life meeting
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 meeting
January 16	5:00 pm	Stewardship meeting
	7:00 pm	Property meeting
January 17	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship

Elder of the month: Amy Raab **Deacon of the month:** Louise Stemplewicz
Ushers: Doug and Vini Christie **Fellowship Host:** Donna Jencks
Sunday School Teachers: Karen Myers

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton



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