



*Sunday Worship
February 11, 2024
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**

Who has the Lord called to serve?

Is it the great and mighty?

In whom has the Lord found favor?

Is it those with power and prestige?

In each one of us, God has found favor!

Let us serve the Lord with gladness and joy.

Adam Lopez

***OPENING PRAYER**

Faithful God, we come into your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown toward us, your people. When we call out to you, you answer. When we are exhausted, you give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, you are there, standing beside us.

And so we come before you gratitude and praise, offering you the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know you here among us; open our ears to recognize your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #611** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts untold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

AJ Strazza

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

There can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.

Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

****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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:1-8

Lukas Lotito

****HYMN #816*** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, what-e'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

2. Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take what-e'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.

3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

CHANCEL DRAMA

David and Goliath

Paul Burbridge and Murray Watts

Narrators: Alex Sideris, Nate Dempsey, Eric Moorehouse; Goliath: Nikolas Skjeveland;

David: David Yoder; King Saul: Adam Garrison; Philistines: Marshall Kimble, Adam Lopez, Jude Wetherbee,
Eli Wood; Israelites: Andrew Sueta, Mitav Mehta, Sam Hanson, Shreejith Krishnamoorthy; Sign: Lukas Lotito

HOMILY The Right Stuff

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

Holy God of power and might, there are struggles and battles all around us; there is need and pain and struggle; and too often, we feel powerless and inadequate to do anything. Yet, like David, who in faith went to meet Goliath, we have been provided all we need to serve you in the world. May the offering we make this morning reflect our understanding that we have all we need to live and serve as you have called us. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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.

BLESSING THE SCOUTS

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

Adam Lopez, Niklas Skjeveland, Nate Dempsey

TRAIL TO THE EAGLE

Richard Wood

EAGLE PROJECT

Robert Cull

EAGLE CHARGE

Robert Boquist

PRESENTATION OF THE NECKERCHIEF, SLIDE AND PIN

PRESENTATION OF PINS TO THE PARENTS

REMARKS

Samuel Holton

***HYMN #700** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)

***BENEDICTION**

RETIRING OF THE COLORS

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

This week's carillon is in Honor of Scouting.

SPECIAL WELCOME TO SCOUTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: Today is Scout Sunday and we are honored to have members of Troop 71 lead worship. In addition, Samuel Holton, member of this congregation, will be receiving his Eagle Scout award. Sam has been nurtured and supported by the Forest Grove Congregation. It is a joy and honor to celebrate this achievement with him and give glory to God who has blessed Sam to be a blessing to others – and he is!

Ash Wednesday All are welcome, Wednesday February 14th at 11:30am here at the church. If you are unable to attend that service but would like to receive ashes, please contact Pastor Su.

LENTEN MID-WEEK COMMUNION: Beginning on February 28, a brief Communion service will be held each Wednesday at 11:30 AM here at the church. These worship opportunities have been a regular part of our Lenten observation for many years. It's a great mid-week pause to connect with God during this time of contemplation. If you are able, plan to remain after the service for a brown bag lunch and fellowship.

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED TO MAKE SOUP: On February 25 the Youth Group will be making chicken vegetable soup that will then be donated to Care for Friends. That organization provides food and friendship to the homebound, homeless & hungry people in greater Philadelphia. Please sign up what you will donate (no later than the morning of February 25).

YOUTH GROUP: Our next gathering will be on Sunday February 25th. We will meet at Missi Dell'Orefice

home at 6:30pm until 8pm. Come prepared to cook up some soup. We will be cooking and packaging the soup for the Food Bank. It's always a good time at Youth Group. Everyone in grades 7 – 12 are welcome and can always bring friends.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Dried beans, peas, or lentils. Low Sodium beans (such as black, kidney and cannellini beans). Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS will be held once again at Anchor Presbyterian Church on June 24-28, 9:00 – noon. Registration for those ages 3 yrs. – 6th grade will begin on February 19. Teen helpers (7th – 12 grade) as well as adult leaders are needed. Please contact Pastor Su if you would like to help.

SUMMER CAMP AT JOHNSONBURG: Registration for summer camp programs at the Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center at Johnsonburg is open. There are lots of great options for kids from 1st – 12th grade. Learn more at <https://www.campjburg.org/>. Forest Grove Church has a long-standing commitment to camping ministry by making camping available to all. Scholarships are always given for this powerful faith-nurturing experience. Let Pastor Su know if your child will be attending.

Calendar: **February 11** 10:00 am **SCOUT SUNDAY** - Worship followed by special Coffee Hour
4:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
February 12 9:30 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 71 meeting
February 13 9:00 am Christian Education meeting
10:00 am Worship and Music meeting
10:00 am Garden Club gathering
6:00 pm Beekeepers
February 14 11:30am Ash Wednesday service
12:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
6:00 pm Beekeepers

Elder of the month: Sharon Ruth **Deacon of the month:** Missi Dell'Orefice
Ushers: Nate Dempsey and Samuel Holton **Fellowship:** Beth Conti and our Wednesday Group

In our thoughts and prayers:

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

Please hold the Albert family in prayer as they mourn the loss of Delores Albert on January 31, 2024. Funeral services will be held at Forest Grove Church on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 11am. Reception to following in our Fellowship Hall. *Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."*



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