



Sunday Worship

January 12, 2025

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

How Great Thou Art

Hobby

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our God is a God of power and strength!

God has created each of us with tender care.

Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

God walks with each of us every step of the way.

Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.

Our God calls us each by name.

God calls each of us to unite in worship together!

***OPENING PRAYER**

By your grace, O God, you have called your church into being and named us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, your own people. So fill us with your Spirit that we may be what you have called us to be, and remember, with joy, what Name we are named. Amen.

***HYMN #366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never-more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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 Isaiah 43:1-7

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #177*** I Will Come to You

1. "I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.

2. "I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

REFRAIN: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

3. "I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. *REFRAIN*

4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom; am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! *REFRAIN*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 3:15-21

SERMON Jesus: One of Us

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***

Gracious God, we come today with joy for your baptism. We come with praise for your glory. We come with gratitude for your love. As we offer these gifts to you, send your Spirit upon us, that our hands and our hearts may do your work in the world. As we offer our lives to you, bless us with your strength, that we may join with you to work for the blessing of peace throughout the world. 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 #463** How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge in Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no never forsake."

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Living God

Broughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS, January 12, 2025

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

WELCOME SUSAN LEWIS: who is our guest musician this week.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT 7PM: The meeting will include information about the summer mission trip. Parents are encouraged to attend as well. There will also be other "New Year" activities.

BOOK CLUB: Join us next Sunday, January 19 following worship in Fellowship Hall. We will begin discussing our first book *Angels on Earth* by Laura Schroff. It is a series of stories about heroic people who have done simple things that have changed lives. Grab a cup of coffee and snack then join the group.

OUR OLD CHURCH BELL: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 22nd at 10:00 AM at the church. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact Janice or Bob Propsner, Sue or Jim Hampton, Becky Schroeder, or Craig Jencks. If you have an interest in this project please contact Janice Propsner at: rpropsner@comcast.net, Cell# 215-527-4739

POSSIBLE FLEA MARKET EVENT: The Parish Life & Mission Committee is considering having an Outdoor Spring Flea Market / Yard Sale at church as a fundraiser, but we need to know if people are interested and willing to help with this event. We would offer outdoor table space to participants for a fee. Each participant would be responsible for bringing items and taking them back home if they are not sold. We could include a bake sale and hot dogs & beverages for sale if people are willing to help with this. Proceeds from the sale of table spaces and food would go to a mission project. Each person would keep the proceeds from the sale of their items at their table. We are looking at Saturday, April 26th with a May 3rd rain date. Please contact the church office if you or someone you know is interested in participating in this event. We will need people to set up & clean up, bake and serve food, etc.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week, we are asking for Canned Chicken, Tuna, or Salmon. Donations should be placed in the wagon in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

January 12	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School followed by Coffee Hour
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Youth Group Meeting
January 13	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
January 14	9:30 am	Christian Education Committee Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship and Music Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Beekeepers Meeting
January 15	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship

Elder of the month: Janice Propsner **Deacon of the month:** Dana Daniels
Ushers: Doug and Vini Christie **Coffee Hour Fellowship:** Emilie Cullerton
Sunday School Teacher: Karen Myers

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge and Jim Turner,
Violet Sanders, Gail Shaffer, Doris Daniels, Maggie Rash



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