



Sunday Worship
February 16, 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed are those who trust - in God!

We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.

Blessed are those who hope - in God!

We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.

Blessed are those who delight - in God's Word!

We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving and Gracious God, bless us, we pray, with your presence this day. Teach all who have gathered to learn your ways. Inspire those who seek your wisdom. Energize those who are exhausted. Comfort those who grieve. Strengthen those who are weak. Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN #386** Come, Worship God

1. Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor; enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation to whom our jubilant praises belong.

2. Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains; held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them, God above all gods, who gave us our birth.

3. We are your people, the sheep of your pasture; you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you; great is the one whom we worship this day!

4. Now let us listen, for you speak among us; open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness, trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness: We are sorry for so much—for words we cannot bear to say, for memories we cannot bear to relive, for thoughts we cannot bear to admit. But you know our hearts. Relieve us of our burdens. Bind our hearts not to the unbearable, but rather, to you so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and delight in your loving embrace. 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 Jeremiah 17:5-10 *from The Message*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Elders: Ruth Squillace and Mary Young

Deacons: Leanne Yerkes and Kevin Young

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #762** When the Poor Ones

1. When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers, when the thirsty water give unto us all, when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,

Refrain: then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.

2. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort, when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness, when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, *Refrain*

3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing, when our lips can speak no words other than true, when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, *Refrain*

4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance, when we learn how to make peace instead of war, when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, *Refrain*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 6:17-26

SERMON Holy Happiness

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

***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**

Benevolent God, you see those who are hungry, poor and marginalized, who too often we overlook. You recognize their humanity and their suffering, and promise to overthrow the rejection they encounter in our world. Help us be part of that transformation. Take our gifts to feed the hungry and sustain the poor. Multiply our gifts to erase the margins of our society, embracing us all in your inclusive love. 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 #172** Blest Are They

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

REFRAIN: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. *Refrain*
3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of hear; they shall see God. *Refrain*
4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*
5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. *Refrain*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, February 16, 2025

The carillon this week is in memory of Frank L. Greenwood. Frank was Martha Greenwood’s husband, he was a faithful member of the church who had a great sense of humor.

WELCOME JENNIER STEVENS AND DAUGHTER HAZEL; who are our guest musicians this week.

SAVE THE DATES:

- March 5, 11:30am Ash Wednesday – beginning of our Mid-week services
- March 7, 6:00pm Friday Night Fellowship – Youth Group preparing a breakfast for all and It is Pajama night. We welcome donations of white socks for any size – especially kids and little kids socks.
- March 9, Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 16 Youth Group Bowling night
- March 30, 7:00pm Youth Group – Beginning with meeting then packing snacks for the Welcome Church

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week, we are asking for carrots, potatoes or yams. Any fresh produce that doesn’t require refrigeration. Donations should be placed in the wagon in the vestibule.

This week’s calendar of events:

- February 16** 10:00 am Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship
- 4:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
- February 17** 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
- February 18** 6:00 pm Beekeepers Meeting
- February 19** 12:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
- February 20** 10:00 am Bell Committee Meeting

Elder of the month: Maggie Rash **Deacon of the month:** Missi Dell’Orefice

Ushers: Beth Conti and Susan Thomes **Coffee Fellowship:** Beth Conti

Sunday school Teacher: Ruth Squillace

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge & Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Gail Shaffer, Doris Daniels, Martha Greenwood, Evin Kimbel IV

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor

Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator

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