



Sunday Worship
February 23, 2025
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

PRELUDE

Variations on “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come, those who seek to trust in God.

We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.

We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

We would not worry, but open ourselves to God’s heart.

We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

We will be still, listening for God’s words of hope, of peace.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Creator God, this is the day that you have made! This is the day you have called holy: Sabbath day, a rest day, a time-out, out of the world and into the presence of God: a day for rejoicing. Make us glad this morning in the house of the Lord. Remove from us our distractions, our heart-worries, our to-dos and should-haves and all the constant stress & strain. And in its place, O God, give us more of you. Here in your house, fill our hearts with peace, our mouths with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy. We are glad, yes, we are glad indeed, to be together in the house of the Lord! Amen.

***HYMN #2** Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:

Father, all glorious, o’er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.

Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power.

4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in you. We come to you, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. 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 37:1-11

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 Luke 6:27-38

SERMON It's About Love

**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**

God who alone is holy, we offer our gifts, our lives, our compassion, our service to others, and to your creation. Bless all that we offer, so that we might be blessings of hope, peace, and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 #754** Help Us Accept Each Other

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Bouree

Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS, February 23, 2025

The carillon this week is in memory of Charles and Wayne Hurst. Charles was a faithful member of the choir and husband of Florence. Wayne was the son of Charles and Florence Hurst.

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

SAVE THE DATES:

- March 5, 11:30am Ash Wednesday – beginning of our Mid-week services -
As we did last year, worship, including the imposition of ashes, will be held on Wednesday at 11:30 AM. Our brothers and sisters in Christ from The Anchor church will join us. Bring you lunch and join us for fellowship following 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

Please check our table in Fellowship Hall for our sign-up sheets or call Susan at the church office.

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:

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| February 23 | 10:00 am | Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship |
| | 4:00 pm | Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service |
| February 24 | 4:15 pm | Deacon meeting on Zoom |
| | 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting |
| February 26 | 12:00 pm | Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship |

Elder of the month: Maggie Rash **Deacon of the month:** Missi Dell'Orefice
Ushers: Bill and Peggy Mellinger **Coffee Fellowship:** Bunny Pierce
Sunday school Teacher: Kim King

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



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