

Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts  
we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

*Time for silent confession.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: ...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

One: ...The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

\* PEACE RESPONSE:

Peace be with my sis - ters. Peace be with my  
bro - thers. Oh, peace be with all peo - ple, for we  
all need peace at last; - for we all need peace at last.

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

YOUTH GROUP CENTS-ABILITY PRESENTATION

CHILDREN'S TIME.

*Children may follow the teachers to Godly Play. When you  
pick up your children at 11:10 am from the second floor, please  
sign them out or provide other pick up instructions.*

\* HYMN #172: "Blest Are They" *Best Are They*

THE PROPHETS: Micah 6: 1-8 p. 866 OT

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-12 p. 4 NT

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: "Beginning to Learn" Rev. Cynthia Weaver

*"Then he began to speak, and taught them saying..."  
Matthew 5:2*

\* GLORIA PATRI:

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Spi - rit: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
now, and will be for - ever. A men, A - men. A - men!

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

One: The Bible says, "Do not withhold good from those to whom  
it is due,

All: **when it is within our power to do it."** *Proverbs 3:27*

OFFERTORY: "The Beatitudes" *Paul Mealor*

\* DOXOLOGY:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Christ all creatures here below. Alleluia!**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore, praise Triune God whom we adore.**

**Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

### A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION:

As Elders: Glen Dowell, Tavie Flanagan, Kate Hubbs,  
Sylvia Reeves, and Margaret Shackell

As Deacons: David Brown, Michael George, Harris Faulkner,  
Roberta Kohut, Heather Lane, Geoffrey Lightfoote, Elizabeth Ofori,  
Linda Sharpe, Mee Ngae Soe, and Judy Vaughan

LITANY:

One: There are different gifts,

All: **but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

One: There are different ways of serving God,

All: **but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through different people in different ways,

All: **but it is the same God who achieves purpose through them all.**

One: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

All: **to use it for the common good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ,

All: **and individually, members of it.**

\* HYMN #432: "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" *Repton*

\* WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH TOGETHER: *ELLC Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he  
ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion  
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and  
the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin  
against us, 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" *We Are Called*

\* BENEDICTION.

\* CHORAL AMEN.

POSTLUDE: Intermezzo 6

*H. Schroeder*

*Please join us for fellowship time in the narthex  
following the service - serving snacks and coffee,  
and a little celebratory cake for our new officers...  
but most of all friendship.*

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **Today in Adult Ed:** We will learn about two ways to help local folks who don't have a place to live or may not have enough food to eat. One involves "Loaves and Fishes" and the other is an information packet that can be distributed along with a nutrition bar.
- **Joint Annual Meeting of Session and Deacons:** This meeting, for current members of Session and the Board of Deacons, will be held in Dodds Hall at 12:30, following Adult Education. Lunch will be provided.
- **Next week in Adult Ed:** Last year Hector Aguilar-Carreno excited us with his pioneering research on COVID-19. He will provide an update on his progress and what the future holds.
- **Godly Play:** Beginning in February, there will be no Godly Play on the first Sunday of each month so that the children can participate in receiving communion with their families. Instead, there will be activity sheets for the children to engage with that they will be given after Children's Time. After worship they can return the crayons to the bucket in Narthex.
- **Pick up a copy of the new Directory!** We have printed our first round, and they are available for pickup today after church. If you aren't in it yet and would like to be, don't worry- we're sure we'll be printing again soon with updates and new entries. Instant Church Directory is especially useful when used from your smartphone or computer! You can download the app and sign in using your email address, or can call the office for help - we'd be happy to serve!

### Our ushers this morning are:

Rick Vaughan, Judy Vaughan, Deborah Streeter, and Tom Owens

**Our greeters are:** Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harrison Faulkner

**Our flowers this morning are given by:** Janice Parsons.

"In honor and memory of K.C. Parsons  
(these were his favorite flowers.)"

**We hold in our prayers:** Ann Cedarholm; Tom Hurst; Betsy Mann; Martha Mapes; Gayle Park; Vivian Russell; and Mark Radice. We hold Jan Morgan in our deep prayers following the loss of her partner, Jim Skaley.

## CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29:

9:00 am Youth Group  
9:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal  
10:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Godly Play  
11:00 am Fellowship Time  
11:20 am Youth Choir

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30:

7:00 pm Monday Evening Study Group (Zoom)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31:

7:00 pm Contra Dance Music—3rd Floor  
7:00 pm AA Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

2:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)  
6:30 pm Finger Lakes Pipe Band—3rd floor

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2:

6:30 pm Community Game Night—Dodds  
6:30 pm JPIC (Zoom)  
7:00 pm Piperventilators (YFN) - 3rd Floor  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3:

7:30 pm Theology on Tap

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5: COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:00 am Youth Group  
9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 am Nursery Available  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship Time  
11:20 am Youth Choir  
11:30 am Adult Education

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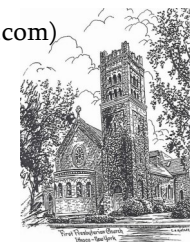
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JAN. 29, 2023: 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

*This service is being livestreamed! You can view services on our website. Please write your name in the Friendship Pad, and if you need a nametag, put a star next to your name and one will be waiting for you in the narthex.*

PRELUDE: "Dialogue in F Major" *N de Grigny*

WELCOME: Rev. Kirianne Weaver

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Psalm 15 and Luke 6*) Liturgist: Manuel Berduc

One: O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

One: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,

**All: nor take up a reproach against their neighbors may dwell on the Lord's holy hill.**

One: All who love their enemies and do not curse them;

**All: All who feed God's sheep and offer them warmth;**

One: All who are merciful as God is merciful will be children of the Most High.

**All: Let us worship God!**

*Our acolyte today is Jonah Minas*

\* HYMN #15: "All Creatures of Our God and King" *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*  
Vs. 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:**

\* Sitting or standing is a matter of custom and preference but not a requirement. You are invited to participate in whatever way makes you most comfortable.