

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 22, 2023

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*Building a community of faith unleashed into the world by the love of God.*

**PLEASE NOTE: Words & Music to Hymns/Responses  
are included at the end of the bulletin.**

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## *Gathering Around the Word*

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### Centering Meditation

In the cross of Christ, God has declared His love, and this declaration is addressed as a personal message to every individual. It may be concluded that when this divine message really reaches a heart, the individual will thereby become conscious of a fact far beyond the range of human knowledge and so far reaching in its value that it transcends all other issues in life and death. It becomes intensely personal according to the testimony of the apostle: "Who loved me and gave himself for me." That knowledge-surpassing love is proven and expressed to "me" by the fact that He gave Himself for "me."

### Ringing of the Bell

### Introit

### Welcome and Matters of Community

### Prelude

*Quelle est cette Odeur*

*Traditional French Epiphany Carol*

### Call to Worship

One: Be still before God and wait patiently, delight in God who fulfills the desires of your heart.

**All: With what shall we come before God? Who is worthy to stand in God's presence?**

One: Come, not in your wisdom, but in humility; come, not to boast, but to learn.

**All: We come without power or pretension; we bring our weaknesses more than strength.**

One: Consider your call and commit your way to God; trust in God to grant you light and new life.

**All: God's blessing pours out on the crowds; yet God's attention is focused on each one of us.**

### Opening Hymn # 213 (see below) In the Cross of Christ I Glory

### **Call to Reconciliation**

One: God asks us, “How have I wearied you?” What has God done to us that we have cut off communication, gone our own way, forgotten the source and sustainer of all life? Or is the fault with us, not God? Before the mountains of God’s holiness, how shall we plead our case?

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: God of hills and valleys, of Jews and Greeks, of faithful ones and sinners, we bring our anger, our envy, our foolishness to your feet. We do not believe that love works, that patience, meekness and humility mark the way to fullness of life. So we have sought our own way of power and wisdom, wrath and warfare, impatience and evil devices. They have carried us to places where we do not wish to be. We turn to the folly of the cross, seeking the mystery of your grace. Will you forgive us once more?**

### **Silent Prayers**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: God has redeemed many from their bondage. Shall we not trust that God will save us too? God vindicates us and offers us prosperity that is not based on worldly standards.

**All: God calls us to a new life of justice, kindness and humility, of meekness, spiritual hunger, and mercy, of pure hearts and peacemaking.**

One: We are blessed; rejoice and be glad!

#### **Passing of Christ’s Peace**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Please share the Peace of Christ by waving to your neighbor and call or text someone to share the peace of Christ with them as well.

**Response # 419 (see below) Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House (Psalm 15)**

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## *Proclaiming the Word*

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**Anthem**

**Down to the River to Pray**

**The St. Andrew Choir**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

One: Gracious God, whose mercy embraces our hidden thoughts and whose light shines into the deepest shadows of our lives, let your Word meet us in our weakness.

**First Reading:**

**Psalm 15**

**Second Reading:**

**I Corinthians 1:18-31**

**Sermon**

**The Message of the Cross**

**Rev. Roger Scott Powers**

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***Responding to the Word***

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**Hymn #223 (see below)**

**When I Survey The Wondrous Cross**

**Mission Focus**

**Presbyterian Women**

**Sonia Lersten**

**Invitation to the Offering**

One: What offering can we bring to God? All our wealth is not enough to express our praise. God chooses us and our gifts to make a difference in the world. God prospers our work and witness, transforming the world, beginning with us. Let us share in the joy of giving.

**Offertory**

**Response # 710 (see below) We Lift Our Voices**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**All: Thank you, God, for hungers satisfied and dreams fulfilled. Thank you for the inheritance of faith, which blesses our life on earth. We trust you to accomplish good among us through the sharing of these gifts and the recommitment of our lives. Help us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** *(from joys and concerns emailed to Pastor Roger through the week)*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Loving God, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

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***Bearing and Following the Word into the World***

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**Closing Hymn # 307 (see below) God of Grace and God of Glory**

**Postlude**

**Brightest and Best**

**J.P. Harding (Sacred Harmony)**

**Charge and Benediction**

One: ...and let the people say:

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

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