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Second Sunday after Epiphany



“He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, “Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it.”
Luke 4:20-21 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Tell me, and I will forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I will understand.”
-- Native American proverb

PRELUDE: *Teach Us Thy Word*

MENDELSSOHN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN OFFERING OF PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)

* GATHERING SONG: *For the Music of Creation*

NETTLETON

*For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,
For your sound’s divine expression, burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world’s composer, hear us, echoes of your voice.
Music is you art, your glory; let the human heart rejoice!*

*Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed.
Simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,
Hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,
Lilt of lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note.
All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,
Worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise, and dancing feet;
Over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,
Harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come! Hear the call of God: "Speak of me to my people."

But we are just ordinary folks. Who will listen?

"I will give you the words. I will always be with you as you speak my words of truth and justice and love."

We gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence, and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

*** HYMN OF PRAISE: #487: *When Morning Gilds the Skies***

LAUDES DOMINI

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Gracious God, we come to you with day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence.

God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task.

We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that you expect so much from us. Forgive our ignorance, our stubbornness, and our stupidity, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that you offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love and support.

It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. Let our work be part of the fulfillment of the mandate of Jesus Christ when he made his proclamation in the synagogue so long ago. For it is in His Name that we pray.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Even before we were born, God knew us. God has always been with us. Place your trust in God's presence and forgiving love.

Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven! Amen.

*** RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #355: *Hear the Good News of Salvation***

NETTLETON

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

*** SAYING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE**

As the people of God gathered in this place, who are we?

We are a community of believers called by God to worship, serve, teach, and support.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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 to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Trilogy of Dreams (Free at Last, Oh Freedom, We Shall Overcome)*

M. STATHAM

*** DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

HYMN OF THE DAY #441: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

ST. THOMAS

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

ROBERT CULL / DAVID ALLEN

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,

To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.

THE SPOKEN WORD

Lord, silence any voice but your own.

That we may hear you speaking to us on this day.

A Reading from Luke 4:14-30

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

Thanks be to God!

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1249

THE WORD IN MUSIC: Blessings

LAURA STORY

We pray for blessings, We pray for peace / Comfort for family, protection while we sleep

We pray for healing, for prosperity / We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering

All the while, You hear each spoken need / Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops / What if Your healing comes through tears

What if a thousand sleepless nights / Are what it takes to know You're near

What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear / And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
 We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love / As if every promise from Your Word is not enough
 All the while, You hear each desperate plea / And long that we have faith to believe
 'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops / What if Your healing comes through tears
 What if a thousand sleepless nights / Are what it takes to know You're near
 And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise
 When friends betray us, When darkness seems to win / We know that pain reminds this heart
 That this is not, this is not our home / It's not our home
 'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops / What if Your healing comes through tears
 And what if a thousand sleepless nights / Are what it takes to know You're near
 What if my greatest disappointments / Or the achings of this life
 Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy / And what if trials of this life
 The rain, the storms, the hardest nights / Are Your mercies in disguise

SERMON: GRAB A PIECE OF THE P.I.E.

REV. JOHNSON

LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

*** CLOSING HYMN: Go to the World!**

SINE NOMINE

THE CHURCH

Go to the World! 295

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE: Unity and Brotherhood**

T. CHESTERTON

* Those who are able may stand in body or spirit.



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any

questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041. You can find us online through our website at www.bethanypresbyterian.org; on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian; or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

Operating our audio and video systems this morning is **Brandon Troxler**. Anyone wishing to join this team of volunteers please contact the church office at any time.

Audio Recordings of each Sunday's sermons are available through a link on our website, or at www.buzzsprout.com/9198.

Resources used in this morning's worship:

- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)
- Homiletics Online website (www.homileticonline.com)
- Narrative Lectionary website (www.workingpreacher.org)

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** to immediately follow worship **TODAY**, for the purpose of acting on the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Session regarding changes in the Terms of Call of the Pastor.

Next week, **Sunday, January 22nd**, our worship will include the **Service of Ordination and Installation** for our Elders in the Class of 2019. **A. J. Campbell** will be ordained and installed, and **Jean Payne and Ron Osborne** will be installed.

Two weeks from today, **Sunday, January 29th**, will mark the **Kickoff of our 125th Anniversary Celebration**. Join us for a delicious **Fifth Sunday Breakfast at 9:00**, followed by Sunday school, and then a very special worship service, introducing our theme based on Isaiah 40:28-31, **Growing Stronger – Growing Deeper – Reaching Higher**. Our worship will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Make your plans to join us for this kickoff to our exciting celebratory anniversary year!

Do you have a smartphone? Are you on Facebook? If so, take a moment to **"check in" on Facebook**, letting your friends know that you are here at Bethany Presbyterian Church! It may seem like a small thing, but in reality, it is a wonderful message of evangelism and witness, as you let the cyber-world know what is important to you.

To the parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel that you must suppress those wiggles in God's house. **Please note that a professionally staffed nursery is available during the worship hour.** Here are some hints to make worship with your children more rewarding:

- Consider sitting towards the front where it is easier for little ones to engage. On the second pew nearest the choir loft, there are activities for children of all ages to keep busy with during the service.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me!"
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- **To adult worshippers:** The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing! Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Sherrie Moore)

The **Men of the Church** will hold their annual **Oyster Stew on this Thursday, January 19th at 6:00** in the Rec Building.

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bill Faucette
Faye Campbell
Frances Nolan
Joey Leake
Diane Bullis
Tiffany Tauchren
Jean Berry
Christy Lutterloh
Eleanor Thompson
Nancy Sutton

Diane Miller
Jack Cook
Polly & Dick Wilson
Layla Benoklen
Shannon Russell
Mary Moore
Barbara Cousins
Pat Kennedy
Harold Baldwin
Duffy Strigo

John & Ann Sutton
Peter Slater
Family of Dr. Bob James
Teresa Wilborn
Ida Whitney
Rachel Poteat
Jeremy Harden
Anne McDaniels
Mike Sutton
Ron Chilton

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Brandon Troxler and Karen Maxwell)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Class (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door)

This class is using our denomination's *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

Young at Heart Class (Young at Heart Classroom – across from pastor's office)

Using the *Uniform Series*, this class engages in lively discussions pertaining to the biblically based curriculum. The class is taught by a very capable team of teachers.

Seeker's Class (Church Office)

The Seeker's Class is currently using a study guide that correlates with the preaching text and themes that are used in our worship services.

Children (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

Youth (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

SUPPORT Ministry: (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Ron Kimrey, and Glenn Patterson)

Elders of the Month for January are **Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell.**

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- 12:00 – Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, the 18th:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice

Thursday, the 19th:

- Covenant Bible Study: *Living the Covenant – Episode 14*

Sunday, the 22nd:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Service of Ordination and Installation of Elders

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2017:

Ron Kimrey
Karen Maxwell
Sherrie Moore

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson
Nancy Purcell
Brandon Troxler

Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell
Ron Osborne
Jean Payne

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