

JANUARY 29, 2023



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith

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JANUARY 29, 2023

10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to the house of the Lord! May God's grace and peace fill you.

PRELUDE

All Hail the

Power

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

INTROIT

I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, all who would do what is right; come, all who would speak truth from the heart.

P: Let us gather in God's holy temple.

L: Take up no reproach against your neighbor. Make peace and honor those who fear the Lord!

P: God is faithful and steadfast and good! Let us remember the saving acts of the Lord!

L: Indeed, God has told you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

P: To do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with God. Let us, one and all, devote ourselves to such things!

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

CH 450

(vs. 1,3,5 with refrain after each verse)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have not known you through worldly wisdom, and we cannot grasp you with human strength. We can only recognize you as you reveal yourself, O God, yet we demure from your silent, watchful presence, for we know that you have seen and heard us at our worst, and we tremble to consider what our forgiveness has cost you. Confound our pretensions to wisdom, O Lord; confront our illusions with the message of your cross, that we might see in the crucified One, the true glory of loyalty and wisdom, the obedient perfection of humility and strength. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: The Lord has heard our cries, O people.

P: God has set our feet upon the rock of Christ Jesus and will surely guide our steps. So we treasure this word of Christ Jesus, our saving help, within our hearts.

L: For he is the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world and has taken away our sin, for in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Worthy* CH 106

Worthy, You are worthy; King of kings, Lord of lords,
You are worthy.

Worthy, You are worthy; King of kings, Lord of lords,
I worship You.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory
Jesus

I'd Rather Have

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NT LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

SERMON

The Wonderful Cross

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HYMN

Be Thou My Vision (vs. 1,2,4) **CH**

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today **January 29**

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters & Ushers: All are needed

Wednesday **February 1**

11 AM Bible study in Sanger Classroom

Thursday **February 2**

5:15 PM JuBELLation Handbell Choir practice

Next Sunday **February 5, 2023**

10:30 AM Worship

Chancel Choir Practice immediately following worship

Greeters & Ushers: All are needed

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns

Linda Lickliter

Roger Harris

Nita Wimer

Anita Haessly

Talitha Hippeard - Augusta Rehab

Shut-Ins

Charlotte Dale – Brightview Senior Living

Tim Clemmer – The Legacy

Jean Flower – The Legacy

Birthdays

Feb 1 Scott Simmons

Anniversaries

None

Serving Our Country

Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice

Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and Willis Clemmer

Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky

QUICK REMINDER

Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETERS & USHERS

Sign-up sheet for greeters and ushers for the month of **February** is on the table in back of the sanctuary. Thanks you for your help.

REMINDER

Reminder that articles for **February 2023 church newsletter** are due no later than **January 31, 2023**.

Pastor Evan is starting a new session of Bible study beginning on **Wednesday, February 1, at 11 AM**. We will meet in the Sanger Classroom. We hope to see you there!

Pastor Evan will have office hours on **Wednesdays** going forward.

THE SESSION

Class of 2023

Frank Brown
Mary Rainey
Debbie Sedr
Jerry Siford

Class of 2024

Amanda Harris
Jim McKenna
Rick Myrah
Sherrill Robinson

Class of 2025

Sue Gochenour
Pickle Nuckols
Pam Snyder
Paul Wolfe

Evan R. Smith, Moderator

Nancy Swisher, Clerk

TRUSTEES

Class of 2023

Betty Clemmer

Class of 2024

Caroline Woebke

Class of 2025

Jim Sargent

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator.....Mary Rainey
Vice-Moderator.....Pat Blackley
Secretary.....Talitha Hippeard
Treasurer.....Sue Gochenour

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Education/Worship.....Mary Rainey & Jim McKenna
Membership & Outreach..... Debbie Sedr & Sherrill Robinson
Mission & Community Service.....Frank Brown & Amanda Harris
Stewardship and Finance.....Pam Snyder
Property.....Paul Wolfe & Rick Myrah
Personnel.....Pam Snyder

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith
Secretary.....Kay Waitier
Music Director.....Pam Snyder
Organist.....Pam Snyder