



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
24 January 2021 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

**Voluntary** Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson

**\*Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

From God comes our salvation,  
for God alone we wait in silence.  
God alone is our rock and our salvation;  
God is our fortress; we shall never be shaken!  
Come, let us worship our God and King. (Psalm 62:1-1)

**\*Hymn** All Creatures of Our God and King

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain,  
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.  
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
so, even in the midst of tears, sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in One! Sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Forgive us, God of unrelenting mercy, for the times we have run the other way rather than enter the territory of those we do not like, those who have hurt us, those we consider our enemy. Forgive us for the times we have resented your forgiveness of those we consider not worthy. Forgive us for the times we have wallowed in anger and self-pity rather than rejoice in the bounty of your love for all people. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

**Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

**\*Declaration of Pardon** Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*Response of Praise** Gloria Patri

## **Children's Sermon**

**Response** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**First Scripture Reading** Jonah 3:1-5, 10:4-11

<sup>3</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God’s mind about the calamity that God had said God would bring upon them; and God did not do it. <sup>4:1</sup> But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup> And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>4</sup> And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup> Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup> The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush.

<sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.”

<sup>10</sup> Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

**Solo** For I Am Persuaded

Carlisle Floyd

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life  
nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth  
nor any other creature shall be able to separate me from the love of God.

May the Lord bless me and keep me.

May the Lord make this face to shine upon me, and give me peace.

**Second Scripture Reading** Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**Sermon**    The Reluctant Preacher

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: "When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God's mind about the calamity that God had said God would bring upon them; and God did not do it. <sup>4:1</sup> But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>Jonah 3:10-4:1*

**Solo**    Lord God of Abraham

Felix Mendelssohn

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel;  
this day let it be known that thou art God,  
and that I am thy servant!

O show to all this people that I have done these things  
according to Thy word!

O hear me, Lord, and answer me;  
and show this people that Thou art God;  
and let their hearts be turned.

### The Church at Prayer

Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

### 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

### Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

**\*Offertory Response**    Doxology

THE ORDINATION  
AND INSTALLATION  
OF CHURCH OFFICERS

**\*Litany** There are varieties of gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.  
God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.  
To each is given a gift by the Spirit,  
to be used for the common good.  
Together we are the body of Christ,  
and individually members of it.

The Presentation  
of Elected Church Officers

**Session:** Aaron Berkowitz, Mal Hildebrand, Robyn Hovey, Rebecca Huston,  
James Kontio, Lynn McMenamin, Mary Ray, Krista Steller,  
and Youth Elder Sam Magalis

**Board of Deacons:** Erin Ekstedt, Terry Haynor, Mary King, Richard Leary, Bruce Strom,  
Robert Stuart, Jesse Weitzel, and Youth Deacon Jessica Borland

**Constitutional Questions** *The pastors shall ask the constitutional questions  
to the elders and deacons.*

**\*Questions to the Congregation**

**Pastor:** Do you, as members of the church, accept these individuals as Elders and  
Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead  
us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**People:** **We do.**

**Pastor:** Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to  
follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the  
church?

**People:** **We do.**

**\*Laying on of Hands** *The candidates for ordination kneel. Ordained elders are  
invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.*

**\*Ordination Prayer**  
**\*Declaration of Ordination  
and Installation**

**\*Hymn** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*Here I Am*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Voluntary** Epilogue

Healey Willan

*(\*) The congregation is invited to stand*

**Worship Participants**

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff  
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life  
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry  
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts  
Logan Campbell, Bass      Lyle VanDeventer, Bass  
Elsie and Bob Fox, Videographers  
Virginia Dolan and Mike Nenaber, Ushers  
Marilyn Rigney, Safety Team

## SESSION

### Class of 2021

Norma Adams-Johnson  
Marc Anderson  
Deb Coontz  
John Cross  
Dee Dee Duffy  
Jim Kincaid  
Todd Knox  
Mary Caroline Mitchell

### Class of 2022

Carol Bloemer  
Katie Carlson-Eastvold  
Adam Ekstedt  
Judy Ridinger  
John Stafford  
Carolyn Swanson  
Pete VanGieson  
Bill Ward

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Rebecca Huston  
James Kontio  
Lynn McMenamin  
Mary Ray  
Krista Steller  
Sam Magalis, Youth

## BOARD OF DEACONS

### Class of 2021

Nathaniel Brower  
Sara Eldridge  
Tara Fritsch  
Gregg Humphrey  
Nancy Huston  
Bob Leffler  
Pat Moore  
Mary Peura

### Class of 2022

Rich Canady  
Bud Green  
Alyssa Haaker  
Rachael Hickman  
Becky McDonald  
Julie Pittman McDonough  
Mike Sundquist  
Brinton Wilkey

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Richard Leary  
Bruce Strom  
Robert Stuart  
Jess Weitzel  
Jessica Borland, Youth

## Ordination and Installation Questions of the Presbyterian Church (USA):

The minister shall ask those preparing to be ordained or installed to stand before the congregation and to answer the following questions:

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. (For ruling elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
10. (For deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?