

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 30, 2022**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Gracious God, we come before you knowing that what you call us to be and want for us is sometimes at odds with what the world expects from us. Sometimes we feel on the edge between the world we live in and the world you call us to be a part of. Show us your way, O Holy One, that we may learn how to be about your ministry even as we live on the edge. Open our hearts to receive your word and your guidance for our lives. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

* **OPENING HYMN: *BLESSED ASSURANCE***

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* **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: The heavens are telling the glory of God,

People: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Pastor: Day to day pours forth speech,

People: and night to night declares knowledge.

Pastor: We give thanks to God who has created all that we have.

People: And we sing praise to God who has created all that we are. Come let us worship our God.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

* **CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:**

Pastor: Sometimes we are scared, O God.

People: Other times we just don't know what to do.

Pastor: Most of the time we give into our own wants,

People: even when we know it is not what you want for us.

Pastor: We don't trust in you the way we know that we should.

People: Show us your way, O God, that we may follow you faithfully, even when you lead us to the edge; to a place where the world tells us we should not go.

*** THE KYRIE**

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Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth your praise.

*** THE GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*** THE SIGNING OF THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

LEARNING ABOUT GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4 – 10

New Testament: Luke 4:21 – 30

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN: WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

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SERMON: *Was it Something That He Said?*

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

Pastor: There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

People: The hope in our lives is Jesus.

Pastor: There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

People: The call we must answer is God's.

Pastor: There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

People: The Lord of our lives is Jesus.

Pastor: There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother of all.

People: The creator who calls us is God.

Pastor: We are one body, one family, one church,

People: woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.

Pastor: With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

People: we are one body in unity and love.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND INTERCESSION

Pastor: O Holy One, being a Christian is risky business. You ask of us to follow you, and sometimes we find ourselves standing on the edge afraid that we are going to fall over. But you've been there before us. You have stood on the edge for what you believed and what you proclaimed. There is nothing that we are asked to bear or endure that you do not understand. You cannot promise us that everything will turn out the way we want it to, but you do promise us that you will stand with us at all the precipices of our lives as well as those times when we think we are on stable ground and have all the answers. But, maybe we don't. Yes, being a Christian is risky business. Thank you for being on this journey with us and for leading and guiding us along the way.

(The names of specific people, places, and circumstances may be lifted up at this time)

Pastor: Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass. We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

Unison: 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.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING

CHOIR ANTHEM: *COME NOW, REJOICE*

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE – THE DOXOLOGY 780

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

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Holy and Living God, doing your will, living out the ministry you put before us, can be scary. It is not just our tithes and offerings that you ask of us – you ask of us everything. In knowing that everything we are and everything we have comes from you, we realize that what you ask of us is really not about us but about you. Show us how to live out the ministry you have called us to do at all the edges of our lives, speaking out against injustice and speaking up for the marginalized, so that we can be truly faithful to you.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* CLOSING HYMN: *BLESSED BE THE TIES THAT BIND* 393

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* MEDITATION

Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted into our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruits of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* POSTLUDE

*Would those who are able please stand.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *COME, NOW REJOICE! THE SAVIOR*

COMES -Terry Kirkland, John Purifoy

Come now rejoice! The Savior comes; The long awaited One. Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, for soon He comes, God's son. Alleluia! Alleluia! He comes to heal the broken heart, to cheer the weary soul. He comes to show the love of God and make the wounded whole. Alleluia! Alleluia! He comes to be the truth and light for all with eyes to see. And those who have the ears to hear, their full salvation be. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, now rejoice! The Savior comes. Come, now rejoice! The Savior comes, the long awaited one. Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, for soon He comes, God's Son. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Come now, rejoice! The Savior comes!

Welcome to Faith Church this Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

We are glad to have you worshiping with us. May our time together serve as an inspiration for the days and weeks ahead.

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Joan Hassler in memory of her parents.

The Mission Team would like to challenge all of you to support the Soup & Cereal Bowl of Caring by bringing several of these food items EVERY Sunday through Sunday, February 13, 2022.

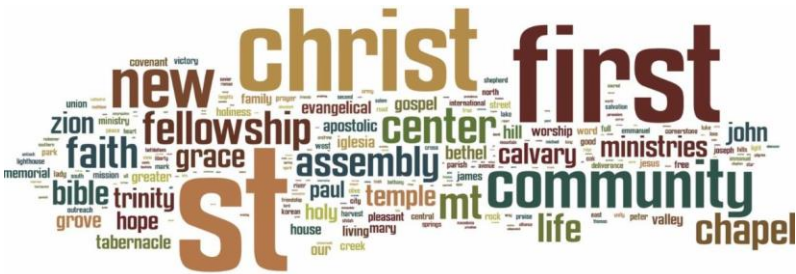
**BEEF STEW HEARTY SOUP CHILI RAVIOLI
&
CEREAL**

We challenge the congregation to donate at least **150** cans of soup and or cereal. Donations can be left in the Narthex on the table labeled for Souper Bowl of Caring.

CALENDAR

Regular Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm; Closed on Fridays

TODAY	-9:00 Sunday School -10:15 Worship
MONDAY	-Sandy works from home -7:00 Consistory Mtg
TUESDAY	-7:00 Worship Committee Mtg
SUNDAY	-9:00 Sunday School -10:15 Worship



“Why Don't Christians See Eye-to-Eye?” Symposium of Churches in Conversation

Join us as we explore the differences in theology, views on justice and social issues, and church life. **Pastors and Laity** are welcome to attend.

When: Saturday, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2022

9:00 – 10:00 am, except for the 26th which will last until 10:30 am

Register, by providing your name, email address, phone number, and church name/location and affiliation to pattyr@pniec.org or call 610-826-3113 **no later than Friday, January 28, 2022**. A Zoom link will be forwarded to you.

Cost: Free, funded by the PNEC Strengthen the Church Fund

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