

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025 10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude "Prelude based on Aberystwyth" (Young) Rita Harmon

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 36) Mimi McCully
The steadfast love of the Lord extends to the heavens.
God's faithfulness extends to the clouds.
God's righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
God's judgments are like the great deep;
The Lord saves humans and animals alike.
All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.
We feast on the abundance of the Lord's house,
God gives us drink from the river of delights.
With God is the fountain of life;
In God's light we see light.

***Hymn of Praise #39** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***Call to Confession** Mimi McCully

***Prayer of Confession**
Lord, we need a miracle today.
Like Jesus changing water into wine
at the wedding feast in Cana.
We confess that we are tired, Lord.
We confess we are tired of the hurts of this world.
We confess we are discouraged
in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference.
We need a miracle today, Lord.
We need to remember that your steadfast love,
like a mighty mountain, will not be moved.
We need to remember that your gifts,
cannot be counted.
In the face of the many ways we disappoint you,
we ask for the miracle of your forgiveness.
And that you hear the sins we now name silently...

***Assurance of Pardon**
Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Assurance of Pardon Response #649 -v.4**
*The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the Steps

Anthem "Abide With Me" (Johnson) Chancel Choir
Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless: Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness,
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
Abide with me, abide with me.

First Reading I Corinthians 12:1-11 (Pew Bible OT p.174)
Second Reading John 2:1-11 (Pew Bible NT p.93)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit "Brought Into the Miracle" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** (A Declaration of Faith, 4.3)
**Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers
that enslaved and degraded people,
yet he made no use of power to protect himself.
He healed those who were sick in body and mind,
yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself.
He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him
above loyalty to family and country,
yet he lived among them as a servant
Jesus taught with authority,
challenging many time-honored customs and ideas,
yet he submitted to humiliation and death
without a word on his own behalf.
He forgave sinners,
yet he was counted among sinners.
We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority.
He did what only God can do.
We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness.
When he lived as a servant
and went humbly to his death
the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest.
In both his majesty and lowliness
Jesus is the eternal Son of God,
God with us.**

***Affirmation of Faith Response #582**
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit,
whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen*

Prayers of the People concluding with the Lord's Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory "I Need Thee Every Hour" (Berry) David Thompson

***Doxology #606**
**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**
***Hymn #761** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"
***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller
***Postlude** "Triumphant Finale" (Bliss) Rita Harmon
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*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

The flowers in worship today are given for the glory of God.

**Please remember in prayer:**  
Valerie Price; Lydia & Martha Phillips; Erika Carroll; Ann Byers; Emily McClain;  
Gayle White; Rachel Hopper; Raymond Blanton; Jules, Julianne & Landen  
Tharpe; Mary Aiken; Dallas Scruggs & Family; Lib Allen; Barbara Grinter; Patsy  
Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next week's lectionary readings are:**  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21.

**Monthly Giving Opportunity**  
The January giving opportunity is Smile Train. Please mark your checks and  
place them in the giving box or the offering plate.

**Caring for Our Children**  
If you are willing to help with our children during worship and on Wednesday  
nights, please sign up on the volunteer sign-up sheet on the Peggy Jolley  
Information Hub.

**Game Night**  
The Fellowship Committee will host a game night in the FLC today at 5:45pm.  
Pizza, salad & drinks will be served for a cost of \$3 each. Bring your favorite  
games to play with your friends and neighbors.

**Bible Study**  
Tuesday at 6:30pm in the FLC. Scripture reading lists for each week of the  
study are available on the Peggy Jolley Information Hub or on the church  
website.

**Worship at Bethesda**  
On Sunday, February 2 we will be worshipping with our brothers & sisters at  
Bethesda Presbyterian Church. We will also enjoy a time of fellowship with  
lunch after the service. Please sign up on the slip in your bulletin today if you  
plan to attend. They would like to know how many are coming for worship and  
how many will be staying for lunch.

**Giving Statements**  
2024 giving statements were sent by either email or regular mail last week. If  
there is any question about yours, please contact Jim Watts.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**January 19, 825:** Vikings wipe out the monastery on the Isle of Iona. They allow its monks to celebrate mass before slaying them.

**January 19, 1563:** Reformed scholars issue the first full edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, a Calvinist statement of faith written by Peter Ursinus and Caspar Olevianus. It will soon be accepted by nearly all of the Reformed churches in Europe.

**January 19, 1922:** The Hymn Society of America is formed to improve the music and poetry of Protestant hymns and write new hymns relevant to contemporary life.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, January 19

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
 10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
 11:45 AM Session Meeting – Conf. Room  
 4:00 PM Yoga - FLC  
 5:45 PM Game Night w/ pizza supper - FLC

### Tuesday, January 21

6:30 PM Bible Study - FLC

### Wednesday, January 22

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

### Sunday, January 26

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
 10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

### Upcoming

January 28 Bible Study @ The Retreat  
 February 2 Worship at Bethesda Presbyterian  
 February 2 Yoga  
 February 4 Outreach Committee Meeting  
 February 6 Men's Fellowship Group  
 February 6 Finance Committee Meeting  
 February 6 Grace Circle  
 February 9 Circle Study Movie  
 February 10 Fellowship/Cong. Care Comm. Meeting  
 February 11 Joy Circle  
 February 15 Not So Newlywed Game

## NEXT STEPS

- Pick up a hard copy of the LIMELight
- Make your reservation for Wednesday Night Supper
- Sign up for Worship at Bethesda on Feb. 2

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| Class of 2025 | Class of 2026 | Class of 2027 |
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 TOGETHER



**Miracle at Cana.** Church of the Holy Saviour in Chora, Istanbul, Turkey. 14th century mosaic.

...[A] marriage made in heaven is one where they become more richly themselves together than the chances are either of them could ever have managed to become alone. When Jesus changed the water into wine at the wedding in Cana, perhaps it was a way of saying more or less the same thing.

--Frederick Buechner, *Whistling in the Dark*