



Welcome to Worship

January 21, 2024

9:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

I. Introduction and Chorale, II. Trio
from *Partita on Ein feste Burg*

Charles Callahan

Invitation to Attentiveness

Allison Maus

Introit No. 654

“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful”

Moment of Mindful Reflection

***Call to Worship**

Allison Maus

Leader: Praise the God of all Creation

People: The one who compels and inspires

Leader: Worship the Voice who calls us

People: The one who offers an unexpected invitation.

Leader: Celebrate the presence of our loving God.

People: Rejoice, our God is near.

***Hymn No. 694**

“Great God of Every Blessing”

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Preparation

John Marsden

First Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

John Marsden

Anthem

“Offertory”
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck
Text: Micah 6:6-8

Children’s Time

Deannine Shipman

Song after Children’s Time Hymn No. 378 v. 4 “We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-20

John Porter

Sermon

John Porter

Responding to the Word

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit

Leader: Which is used to serve the common good.

People: Yet it is God's purpose that is accomplished through our service.

***Affirmation of Faith**

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

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 again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Questions for the Candidates & the Congregation

Laying on of Hands & Closing Prayer

***Hymn No. 697**

"Take My Life"

Announcements

John Porter

Introducing New Members

Call to Offering

John Porter

Please place your written reflections in the offering plate.

Offertory Anthem

IV. Canticum

Charles Callahan

Doxology No. 605

"Praise to God the Father"

***Prayer of Dedication**

John Marsden

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Allison Maus

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Allison Maus

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.

***Hymn No. 726 v. 1,4,5**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

***Charge & Benediction**

John Porter & Allison Maus

Postlude

V. Postludium

Charles Callahan

**Welcome Reception for our new Director of Music Ministry,
Heike Burghart Rice and her family**

Please join us in the Social Hall today following worship!

Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 28th

Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 28 for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation ~ in the sanctuary.
Printed Annual Reports will be available on the back table as well as one you can read online on our website.

Ushers this Morning:

Head Usher: Heather Steel

Ushers: Joe Kockelmans, Marti Sawyer, Becky Thomas and Margaret VanFossan

Information Desk: Bizz Maser

Greeters this Morning:

Fraser Street: Linda and Greg Giles

Parking Lot: Sharon and Brent Ambrose

Coffee Hour:

Hosts: Meg Moose

Assistants: Clark Moose and Jim DeWolfe

Sanctuary Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers are given by Liane Roe in memory of Eli Miriam Roe, and with gratitude to this faith community for supporting those who are gender non-conforming.

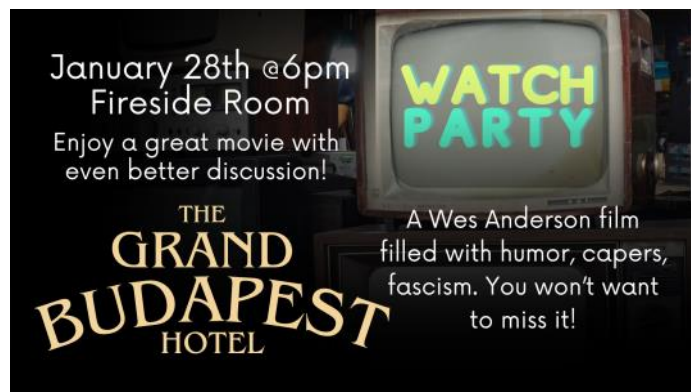
A “Let’s Break Bread” Potluck Brunch

The Congregational Fellowship Committee (CFC) will host a church-wide potluck brunch on Sunday, January 28th following the Congregational Meeting in the social hall. Everyone is invited.

Just bring a dish that can serve 6-8 people. Hot food can be kept warm by plugging in your crock pot or hot plate in the kitchen. Cold items can be stored in the kitchen refrigerator.

Bring your favorite brunch recipe, desserts, salads – you name it. If you have a dish that you want to deliver earlier, let us know.

RSVPs are encouraged to help with set up and what folks are bringing. You can register on our website or by emailing or texting Jamey Perry, jrp5@psu.edu, 8148830350.



Adult Education Today

Today, Paul Mortimore will lead a discussion on “Hope” in Westminster Hall at 10:15 am. What do you think when you think about tomorrow? Next week? Next month? Next year? Do you look at the future with positive expectation? Or not? Let's talk about 'Hope' this week. There will be no Adult Education next week due to the Congregational Meeting.

Connect meets in Room 10 at 10:15 am. This is an adult offering to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.



Join us for a one-day sorting party
Saturday, February 17th at 
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9:30-noon and 1:00-3:30; lunch provided

RSVP for the sorting party to Dale Cox at wirebender73@aol.com, or to the church office

Ordination and Installation of Officers

In November we elected members to serve in the office of Elder and Deacon. Today we will be ordaining (setting apart) those who have not served in these offices previously and installing (putting in place) those who have served previously. Most have been elected to a three year term.

The Elders of the class of 2026 are: Heather Bruhn (Ordain/Install), John Marsden (Install), Bizz Maser (Install), Tod McPherson (Install), Paul Mortimore (Ordain/Install), Danielle Rhubarb (Install), and Scott Sesler (Install).

Of those elected to the office of Deacon some who are younger members still in school have been elected to a one year team as Youth Deacons, and some have been elected to the specific service of Visitation Deacon. All Deacons are called to a ministry of caring for and service those in need among us.

The Deacons are: Nikki Blake (Install-Visitation), Molly Buchanan (Ordain/Install—Visitation), Nancy Dreschel (Ordain/Install), Bruce Grinder (Ordain/Install), Kiwon Jung (Ordain/Install), Mary Jane Kistler (Install—Visitation), Bill Lukens (Install—Visitation), Liane Roe (Ordain/Install), Jillian Rounsville (Install—Youth), Jon Schwantes (Ordain/Install), Mary Ann Sesler (Install), Leslie Stafford (Install), and Carolyn Tothoro (Install—Visitation).

Those unable to join us will be ordained and installed at a future date.

Sunday, January 21st

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- 9:30 am Children, Worship & Song—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Reception for Heike Burghart Rice and her family—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 210
- 10:15 am Adult Education—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm

Monday, January 22nd

- 7:00 pm Education Ministry Unit—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Scout Den Meeting—Rm 10 & 11
- 7:00 pm Scout Troup Meeting—Westminster Hall
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, January 23rd

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos
- 4:30 pm Presbytery Visioning Meeting—Martin Rm
- 5:15 pm LOGOS Chrysalis
- 7:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 24th

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom/Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 6:00 pm PNC Meeting—Rm 10
- 8:00 pm Women's Bible Study—Martin Rm

Thursday, January 25th

- 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 26th

Saturday, January 27th

- 9:00 am Huntingdon Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, January 28th

Congregational Meeting

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- 9:30 am Children, Worship & Song—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 210
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 11:00 am Congregational Potluck—Social Hall
- 12:00 pm Explore Sunday Meeting—Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm Watch Party—Fireside Rm

Children in Worship

9:00 am Worship - Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 102 throughout the morning.

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old through 2nd grade, are welcome to join **Children, Worship & Song** which meets in Room 11 on the lower level.

Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of worship.

Exploration Hour

PATHWAYS (Age 3 to grade 5) - From 10:00 am to 11:00 am, in room 210 on the upper level. This multi-age class is made to teach and accommodate all needs/ages. A pre-packaged snack will be served.

THE OASIS (grades 6-12) - From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in the Fireside Room on the lower level. Oasis is a loving place where youth from grades 6-12 can have fun, feel accepted, and grow.

YoPro Bible Study—From 10:15 am to 11:15 am, in the Tower Room above the Sanctuary. We're a group of grad students and early career folks that are exploring the what's next season of life. We do some formal programming, but mostly we're a group of friends laughing, learning, and figuring out faith together.

Adult Education—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Westminster Hall on the lower level. Adult Ed is a rotation of different offerings from our community.

Connect—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Room 10 on the lower level. This is an adult offering to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.



Sign up to help host 00TC
at *their place* @ 318 S. Atherton

January 29th – February 4th

There are many days,
ways, and times to help,
and SJMT will be on hand
to orient you.

