



GOOD SAMARITAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 5, 2025

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Brigheest and Best"

arr. L. Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 84: 3-6

One: Happy are those who dwell in your house, O Lord!

ALL: THEY WILL ALWAYS BE PRAISING YOU.

One: Happy are the people whose strength is in you!

ALL: WHOSE HEARTS ARE SET ON THE PILGRIM'S WAY.

One: Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,

ALL: FOR THE EARLY RAINS HAVE COVERED IT WITH POOLS OF WATER.

One: They will climb from height to height,

ALL: AND THE GOD OF GODS WILL REVEAL HIMSELF IN ZION.

*HYMN

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 210

CALL TO CONFESSION

George MacDonald (1824-1905)

I to myself have neither power nor worth, patience nor love, nor anything right good; my soul is a poor land, plenteous in dearth – here blades of grass, there a small herb for food – a nothing that would become something if it could; but if obedience, Lord, in me do grow, I shall one day be better than I know.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

THE APOSTLE'S 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the

**Father Almighty, from thence he shall come 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**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“Come to the Table”

See insert

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 41-52

SERMON

Lost Boys

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THE SACRAMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

No. 510

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“March of the Three Kings”

arr. Broughton

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU!

*Please stand if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT GAME NIGHT – JANUARY 18TH

Our next game night will be Saturday, January 18th from 5:00 - 8:00. Bring your favorite game, a snack to share, and some friends. Come have some fun!

SUNDAY MORNING ALTAR FLOWERS

The sign-up book to provide flowers in 2025 for the Sunday morning service in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for birthdays, anniversaries and other blessings will be available in the narthex. The cost of the flowers is **\$30** for both arrangements; checks should be payable to Georgia Henry. Please contact her if have any questions about providing flowers, 301-843-6076, gghenry4@aol.com.

ANYTIME BAGS

We are resuming collection of items for Anytime Bags for the LifeStyles Homeless Outreach. Foods must all be shelf stable and not need refrigeration. Items needed are:

Bottled water; Individual microwaveable meals; shelf stable proteins (vienna sausages, tuna/chicken salad packets); Individual pre-packaged breakfast items; snack items (nuts, crackers, chips, etc.); fruit cups and dessert items

Everything should be pre-packaged and small enough to fit into our bags.

We had a great response to this last year and LifeStyles has expressed their appreciation and asked that we continue it this year.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31: 7-14

⁷For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.” ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

SECOND READING: LUKE 2: 41-52

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Come to the Table

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in.
This is where grace begins.
We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give.
Oh the shape that we were in.
And just when all hope seemed lost,
love opened the door for us. He said,

Chorus

Come to the table.
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.
Take your place beside the Savior.
Come down and be set free.
Come to the table.

Come meet this motley crew of misfits,
these liars and these thieves.
No one's unwelcome here.
That sin and shame you brought with you,
you can leave 'em at the door
and let mercy draw you near. So, (chorus)

To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward,
To the prisoner and the soldier, to the young and to the older,
All who hunger, all who thirst, all the last and all the first,
All the paupers and the princes, all who fail you've been forgiven.
All who dream and all who suffer, all who loved and lost another,
All the chained and all the free, all who follow, all who lead,
Anyone who's been let down, all the lost you have been found,
All who've been labeled right or wrong, to everyone who hears this song. Oh...

(chorus)

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*The flowers on the Retable this morning are given by
Sally Brandt in loving memory of Steve.*

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Today's Volunteers: Greeter: Janice and Charlie Eargle; ***Ushers:*** Bill Koennel
and Paul Webb; ***Scripture Reader:*** Heather Kriebel

TODAY

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship Service at 10 AM

THIS WEEK

Tues. (Jan. 7): 9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study

COMING SOON

Game Night on Saturday, Jan. 18th at 5 PM
Congregational Meeting – February 2nd