

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday January 28, 2024

Theme: Into the Light—Discernment



With wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; Through knowledge its rooms are filled with care and beautiful treasures. Proverbs 24

GATHERING

Prelude: “Shepherd Me, O God” Charles Callahan

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship From Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD! Let us give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is God’s work—a righteousness that endures forever!

Leader: God has shown the power of mighty works, giving a heritage of the nations—works that are faithful and just— precepts that are trustworthy.

People: God has gained renown through wonderful deeds, for the LORD is gracious and merciful. God’s precepts are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Leader: God has sent redemption to his people; commanding a covenant that lasts forever. Holy and awesome is God’s name.

ALL: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever!

*Hymn: #744 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” (Bell Choir)

*Prayer of the Day (in unison)

In prayerful contemplation, we offer thanks, O God, that your Word is a living word which continues to speak to us today. We come seeking answers and pray that discernment will come. We acknowledge our need for guidance. For our ears have heard these words—“to our ancestors God spoke in various and

partial ways. Then, God spoke directly through His Son, who is the imprint of His being, the radiance of His glory, through whom He created the universe and by whom He sustains all things by His word.”

Therefore, we both pray and proclaim with thanksgiving that You, O God, continue to speak, to heal and guide. By your Spirit, lead us to treasure these gifts. O Lord, let us listen, help us to hear. AMEN

Words of Assurance

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord. AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Amazing Grace” L. Larson
Bell Choir

Scripture: Proverbs 2:3-5 and I Corinthians 12:8-10

Sermon: **“Discernment—Perception Beyond the Ordinary”**

*Hymn: #662 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of redemption and new life, we focus once more this day on the greatest gift ever given -- Jesus, the light of the world. As we move into the year ahead, help us to live and give of ourselves as those who know every day makes a difference because of who we are and what we have received. May these realities move us to give our whole selves more freely! In the name of Christ, Redeemer and Friend, AMEN.

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Loving God, you call us by name to be your people in the world, and have baptized us in the Spirit. Pouring your love into us in such abundance, may it overflow into the world around us.

People: Guide us, form us, and send us as your people to live out your good news wherever we go. Call us, Lord, your servants will follow. AMEN

Postlude: "To God Be the Glory" Robert Powell

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Family this week: Stephen, Jayme, Mason James & Austin Miles Funk

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Dwight & Myrtle Kilbourne
Given by Delores & Brit Kilbourne**

Announcements

This is the time of year that we collect our **Blanket Offering**. Please use the envelopes in the pews or just use a white envelope and mark it Blanket and either put it in the offering plate or drop it off in the office. This offering will be collected today and next Sunday, January 28. If we all give a little, it can make a lot.

The **Deacons** will meet this morning after worship.

There is **Chancel Choir** rehearsal this morning after worship.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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