

*Service of Worship*  
*January 26, 2025*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

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*Psalm 19:1: "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork."*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Behold the Servant of God, who brings forth justice to the nations!

**Behold God's Chosen One, called in righteousness  
and baptized with the Holy Spirit!**

In his name, we worship the God who created the heavens and life  
and humanity!

**Let us worship the God who establishes justice, freedom and peace  
through Jesus' life, death and resurrection!**

Hymn of Gathering - #35 *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive our inconsistency, O God of mercy. Too often our deeds don't match our words of belief. We say that we love our neighbors, but we fail to correct injustice. We claim to be righteous, while ignoring those who need help. Instead we often focus on your gifts that bring success and comfort. Forgive our reluctance to grow through serving others. Turn us to your way. Move us to demonstrate our faith through actions of love for others, especially the needy. Help us to become the servant disciples Christ calls us to be.**

*Silent prayer*

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon *"The Inaugural Address"* Rev. Bettie Kirkpatrick

Hymn #772 *"Live Into Hope"*

Affirmation of Faith from The Brief Statement of Faith / Presbyterian Church (USA)

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Offering

Doxology - #582 *"Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me"*

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Sending - #757 *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

Benediction