

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Joint Service with Second Presbyterian Church
January 21, 2024**

****Please text any prayer requests to 205-924-5080 before the Sharing of the Peace.
Please include your name, unless you wish the request to be anonymous. ****

Prayer of Preparation

O God, disrupt the patterns that hurt and break down and give me a new way. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

Waters of Baptism

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends. HYMN 399

Prelude

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth; arr. John Carter

Amanda Klimko & Marsha Alexander, Duet

Welcome

Call to Worship

Kristi Ware, Liturgist

From far and near, we are called together to offer praise.

Praise to the God of magnificent creation.

From our slumber we are invited to discipleship

To respond to Christ's call by going when and where he guides us.

What does the Lord require of you?

God has called us to do justice.

What does the Lord require of you?

God is embracing us in love and mercy, as we show our neighbors love and mercy.

What does the Lord require of you?

God desires for us to walk in humility.

God has told us what is good, and what does God require of us?

To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

Prayer of the Day

Hymn 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

God of endless creation, you invite us to collaborate
in the new things you are doing in your world.

You ask us to trust you and step forward in faith.

But we are risk-averse.

We find comfort in old habits, in what we know, in turning inward.

In our turning, we miss opportunities

to pursue justice, to care for our neighbors, and to share good news.

Forgive us, O God.

Embolden us to say let go of hesitation and to follow you.

Grant us open hearts and nimble spirits of discipleship.

We pray in Christ's name, as we share in silence the troubles of our own souls...

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored to new life!

Gloria #583



Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 62: 5-12

⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence,
truly my hope is in my God.

⁶ **God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold;**
I shall not be shaken.

⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

⁸ **Trust in God at all times, O people;**
pour out your heart before the one who is our refuge.

⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion;
weighed on a scale they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰ **Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;**
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,

¹² **And steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD.**
For you repay all according to their deeds.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1: 14-20

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Disruption”

The Rev. Joe Genau

Hymn 751

From the Nets of Our Labors

HAMILTON

1 From the nets of our labors,
through the noise and confusion,
from the city or seashore,
Jesus summons us all. **(Refrain)**

2 When we faint and grow weary
from the bearing of burdens,
with a message of comfort,
Jesus summons us all. **(Refrain)**

3 In the eyes of the stranger—
tearful, joyous, or frightened—
in the face of each neighbor,
Jesus summons us all. **(Refrain)**

4 When we hear words of hatred
spreading fear or false witness,
words that cry to be challenged,
Jesus summons us all. **(Refrain)**

5 In each moment of courage,
steadfast even through trembling;
in the yearning for justice,
Jesus summons us all. **(Refrain)**

6 Like disciples before us,
from the city or seashore,
risking selfless compassion:
Jesus summons us all. **(Refrain)**

Refrain:

We will rise up and follow,
Christ before and beside us,
loving pattern to guide us,
as we answer the call.

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Anthem

God Is Here

Glen Wonacott

God is here, reaching out to all who gather, God is here, listening to the prayers of all;
God is here, giving grace where hearts are wounded, God is here, lifting lives after a fall.
God is here, calling us to find our passion, God is here, teaching us to find ourselves.
Reaching, listening, giving grace, lifting lives to see God's face.
God is here, showing us why we all are here, for God is here, God is here.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Music at Communion *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

HENDON
arr. Cindy Berry

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Charge from the Steps**Charge and Benediction**