

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025**

****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

Center me in the mystery of love. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

Waters of Baptism

Prelude

Meditation on *Showalter*

arr. Ben Logan

Matt Barron, clarinet

Welcome

Call to Worship

Nathan Wells, Liturgist

Love one another,

For the one who loves has fulfilled the law.

Love one another,

For all the commandments are fulfilled, if we love our neighbors as ourselves.

Love one another,

For this is the law of Christ.

Love does no wrong to a neighbor,

Therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Come, worship Christ, who calls us to love one another.

Prayer of the Day

1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

3 We will work with each other; we will
work side by side; we will work with
each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save
human pride: **(Refrain)**

2 We will walk with each other; we will
walk hand in hand; we will walk with
each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that
God is in our land: **(Refrain)**

4 All praise to the Father, from whom all
things come, and all praise to Christ
Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes
us one: **(Refrain)**

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

**God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your glory.
You are loving, patient, and kind;
we can be envious, boastful, and arrogant.
You rejoice in the truth; we revel in our wrongdoing.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us replace selfishness with service,
and teach us to love one another as you have loved us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in whose name we now offer you the burdens of our hearts...**
(Silent Confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!

Gloria #582

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Prophets

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalter

Psalm 71: 1-6

¹ In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

² **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
 incline your ear to me and save me.**

³ Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

⁵ **For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.**

⁶ Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson

I Corinthians 13: 1-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Doozy”

The Rev. Joe Genau

Hymn 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Call to Offering

Anthem*Keep Your Lamps!*

African-American Spiritual; arr. Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary, children, don't get weary, children,
don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, Christian, journey soon be over, Christian,
journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

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***Be Thou My Vision*

traditional Irish melody - arr. Michael Larkin

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Prayer Response (Hymn 205):

***Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.***

Hymn 313*Lord, Make Us More Holy*

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

1 Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy,
until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy,
until we meet again.

2 Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving,
until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving,
until we meet again.

3 Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient,
until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient,
until we meet again.

4 Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful,
until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful,
until we meet again.

Charge from the Steps**Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Joe Genau

Postlude*Praising the Almighty*

Edward Broughton