



***Townville Presbyterian Church***  
**(PCUSA)**  
**Christ's Heart Serving All**

***Founded in 1803***

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**Townville Presbyterian Church  
January 26, 2025 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**\* please stand in body or spirit; Most pew hymnals have ribbons you may use to mark your service music, hymns, and other responses**

**GATHERING**

**Chiming the Trinity  
Greeting  
Joys and Concerns  
Prelude**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*GATHERING                      Hymn 301                      Let Us Build A House**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord Jesus Christ, You are always arriving in our world. You are always appearing in our midst. You are always making Your ways and Your will known among Your people. Forgive us for remaining distracted and dissatisfied. Forgive us for filling our lives with clutter and noise. Forgive us for failing to heed Your call. Help us to remain alert and attentive, that we might not miss Your invitations for and among us. Amen.**

**\*KYRIE** *(following a moment of silent confession)*                      **Hymn 576**  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

**First Reading      2 Kings 5:1-27  
Gospel Reading    Luke 4:14-21**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Denny Read*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from Eat, Pray, Love Liturgy*

**We believe in God our Creator. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Man. His death is our victory, his resurrection is our hope; in him the Word became flesh; in him we are offered forgiveness from sin, renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness, release from despair. We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world. By the Spirit we are called into Christ's Church, to celebrate his love, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, to share with him in Baptism and to eat at his Table. We believe that love is the essential ingredient of all thought and motive. In practice, this is sharing the sorrows and joys of others, bringing people together in true friendship, working to get rid of the causes of poverty, ignorance, fear and injustice. Amen.**

### \* HYMN

#### **Build a Longer Table**

*David Bjorlin*

Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
Feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces;  
False divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;  
Where the weak find shelter,  
Mercy will not fail.  
For any place where justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail wall,  
Freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion, more than fear  
Christ tears down our fences:  
All are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded;  
All must find a home.

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Call**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology Hymn 402 How Lovely, Lord v.3**

**A sun and shield forever are You, O Lord Most High; You shower us with blessings; no good will You deny. The saints, Your grace receiving,**

from strength to strength shall go, and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer** (*p 35 in hymnal. Debts/debtors*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, and Amen: Hymns 572, 573, and 574*

*We take communion*      **Hymn 205**      *Ubi Caritas feel free to sing in Latin or English*

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Thank You, O Christ, for this feast of life, reminders of Your presence that linger in our bodies and ignite our spirits. Remind us today that Your love feeds us and Your life strengthens us. Commission us now to feed as we have been fed, to forgive as we have been forgiven, to love as we have been loved, and to live as the church that Christ dreamed of. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**      **Hymn 749**      **Come! Live in the Light!**

**\*BENEDICTION**      **Hymn 742**      **We Will Walk With God**

*Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins...*

*Prayer of Confession, Prayer of Dedication – Call to Worship, Lectionary Aids, Year C*

**Prayer List: Patrick Parker, Cliff Hinton, Taylor Shope, Bill Johnson, Jackson Caudell, Lucas Watts, George Parker, Abbie Shabazz, Emil Mark, Drew Jackson, Allen Jenkins, Anna Lord, Andrew Baker, Gail Ballard, David Kelley, Donna Dochterman, David Wolgamott, Glenda Clark, Dave and Pearl Bowen, Hank Goodale, Evelyn Watkins, Service Men and Women around the world, The faculty, students and families of Townville Elementary School, The Pease Presbyterian Church and all your churches around the world, The people of Ukraine, Those innocents suffering from the Israel-Hamas conflict and all those suffering the effects of war and natural disaster.**

<b>Liturgists</b>	Lori Malvern Sue Baker	<b>Musicians</b>	Barbara Moran Gary Malvern
<b>Pastor</b>	Denny Read		Sue Wayman
<b>Pastor Emerita</b>	Minnie Sue Douglas Peggy Swann	<b>Organist Emeritus</b>	Jerry Douglas

**Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship and invite you to enter the life of this community of faith. If you are visiting, please sign the guest register in the narthex.**

Sunday School meets at 10:00 am in the room next to the Library. All are welcome.

**Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 20 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar. Come and join the lively discussion.**

Installation of Officers for the Session Class of 2027 will be on Sunday, February 2.

**We will have a Dinner on the Grounds, Sunday, February 16. Bring your favorite Valentine's or cold weather food. We will also have our annual report to the Congregation during the meal.**

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