



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

*Founded in 1803*

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**Townville Presbyterian Church**

**February 2, 2025**

**\* 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**

In You, O Lord, let us take refuge,

**So we might never be put to shame.**

In Your righteousness, O Lord, let us find deliverance,

**So we might experience Your saving power.**

In Your presence, O God, let us place our trust,

**So we might find confidence in You alone.**

You are our rock and our refuge, our fortress and shield.

**We turn to You again this day. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING                      Hymn 401                      Here in This Place**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, our deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to Your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as, “insiders,” excluding those we consider, “outsiders.” We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant. Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble, and patient, and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled Himself, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

**\*KYRIE** *(following a moment of silent confession)*

**Hymn 551                      Lord, Have Mercy**

**\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

**First Reading                      Psalm 71: 1-6**

**Second Reading                      I Corinthians 13: 1-13**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA Book of Confessions*  
**In life and in death, we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children, healing the sick, and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts and forgiving sinners, and calling us all to repent and believe the Gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**\* HYMN**                      **Hymn 693**                      **Though I May Speak**

**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**

**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.**

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**O God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to You. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to Your glory, both as inhabitants of earth, and citizens of heaven. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**                      **Hymn 691**                      **Lord, When I Came Into This Life**

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

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

*Call to Worship, Morning Prayer – Call to Worship Lectionary Companion Year C; Prayer of Confession – Feasting on the Word Lectionary Companion Year C; Prayer of Dedication – A Wee Worship Book, 4<sup>th</sup> Incarnation*

**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, Katie Feeny, Tom Leonard and Family, Service Men and Women around the world, The faculty, students and families of Townville Elementary School, The Pepeace 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.**

