

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

Founded in 1803

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* 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

You call us, O Christ, to live as Your disciples,

With new life, by way of new paths, seeking new ways.

In Your call toward deep waters,

Grant us faith.

In Your command not to fear,

Grant us courage.

In your invitation to follow,

Grant us surrender.

Restore to us the joy of living as Your disciples,

That we might travel with You in the way of miracle. Amen.

*GATHERING Hymn 68 Heaven Opened to Isaiah

MORNING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, because You made the world, and intended it to be a good place, and called its people Your children; because confusion can reign inside us despite our faith; because anger, tension, bitterness, and envy distort our vision; because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion; because You have promised to hear us and are able to change us, and are willing to make our hearts Your home, we ask You to confront, forgive, and encourage us as You know best. Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips: goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness. Truth is stronger than lies. Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new. Amen.

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

Hymn 551 Lord, Have Mercy

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

First Reading Isaiah 6: 1-8 Second Reading Luke 5: 1-11

SERMON Rev. Denny Read

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 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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.

Sanctus 572; Memorial Acclamation 573; Amen 574

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

O God, You are the God who feeds and nourishes. It does not occur to us often, to feed our enemies, to share Your bounty with those who threaten us. Stir us by Your Spirit beyond fearful accumulation toward outrageous generosity, reminding us that giving and sharing open the world and assure abundance for all. We pray this even

as we ponder the gift of Your Son whom we ingest as bread and drink, and tasting, find ourselves forgiven and renewed. Feed us till we want no more! In the midst of that comes Your word that we share bread and feed the hungry, even to the least and so to You. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN Hymn 751 From the Nets of Our Labor

*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 – adapted from Prayers for a Privileged People, - Walter Brueggemann

Prayer List: Patrick Parker, Cliff Hintson, 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, The Leonard Family, Service Men and Women around the world, The faculty, students and families of Townville Elementary School, The Pepease 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.

Musicians Liturgists Lori Malvern Barbara Moran Sue Baker Gary Malvern Denny Read Sue Wavman **Pastor** Minnie Sue Douglas Jerry Douglas **Organist Emeritus Pastor Emerita** Peggy Swann

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.

We will have a Dinner on the Grounds, next 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.