

# January 23, 2022

## Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body and/or spirit )

*Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,  
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude                                      Come, Christians, Join to Sing    Setting by Abert Zabel

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Leader    We come in these endless days, Precious God,  
people in need of the constancy of your love:

**People    may we drink deeply from your fountain of life;  
may we continue to be guided by your Light.**

Leader    We gather in these weary days, Water-changing God,  
people looking for signs of hope and wonder:

**People    may we drink deeply from your fountain of grace;  
may our weariness be wrapped in your Hope.**

Leader    We worship in these overwhelming days, Gifting God,  
people who try to point others to Jesus:

**People    may we drink deeply from your fountain of joy;  
may our life be strengthened by your Life.**

\*Hymn #2                                      Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise:

Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious,  
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty Lord,  
our prayer attend.

Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,  
and let thy righteousness on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour!

Thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be  
hence evermore!

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore.

#### Call to Confession

Leader: We are called to prayer with courage: “This is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” (1 John 5:14)

#### Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

**How difficult it is, O Lord, to be open to truths that challenge our assumptions about You and about others. We confess that we hear the voices we want to hear, but tune out voices we often need to hear. There is so much to take in that although we seek new information and new revelation, we can't integrate all of it into our thinking and living. We pray for help in discerning which voices to listen to that will best guide us to You and to healthier, stronger relationships with one another.**

#### Moment of Silent Reflection

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: “I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!” (Psalm 66:17-20)

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### First Scripture Lesson

James 1:19-21

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

#### Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

#### \*Passing of the Peace

#### Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:21-30

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

#### Sermon

“Hard of Hearing ”

## Offering

Offertory

Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication (**unison**)

You have called us to live our faith in visible ways. In offering our gifts, we hear and respond. We promise to promote your Word and your voice. We commit to acts of love to proclaim the goodness and worthiness of our human kin, especially where our love counters words that hurt and hate. All glory and praise be to You, Almighty God. Amen.

\*Hymn #25

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name.

Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing your fame.

The heavens shout your handiwork; we stand beneath in awe,  
to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.

Into our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place  
we're called to probe for secret gifts and venture into space.

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name,  
majestic in your holiness. We sing and praise your fame.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Setting by Jason W. Krug

Worship Leaders:

Liturgist: Elder Joyce Davies

Ushers: Team B

Zoom Host: Mike Dingelstadt

Hymn Leadership: Barbara Prestridge

Bells: Rich and Nancy Vodhanel, Heather Palframan  
and Marcello Velame

Soloist: Robert McGary

Piano and Organ: Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth and Marcello Velame

Video Editing: Rich Vodhanel

Pastor: Rev. Katja Gruening

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 30th, 2022, following worship for the purpose of receiving the annual report and 2022 budget, electing church officers, and approving the pastor's terms of call. The deadline for submitting reports is January 20.

23	JAN, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (FH)
		● 11:15am – 12:15pm	PW Meeting
25	JAN, TUE	● 9 – 10am	Zoom Bible Study
26	JAN, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Mission Belle (TR)
27	JAN, THU	● All day	Boy Scouts (FH)
28	JAN, FRI	● 6 – 10pm	Pinewood Derby set up (FH)
29	JAN, SAT	● 10am – 4:30pm	Pinewood Derby (FH)
30	JAN, SUN	● All day	PW Instillation
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (FH)
		● 11:15am – 12:15pm	Congregational Meeting

The PM General Meeting will be held on January 23 at 11:15 directly after service.

All are asked and encouraged to attend either in person or on Zoom.

The Zoom meeting will use the same link as service. **Call in by phone: 646-558-8656 when prompted, enter meeting ID: 236 972 496 Or**

**CLICK HERE or copy & paste the link into your web browser to join via the internet video conference: <https://zoom.us/j/236972496>**

### *“Reflections On What We Believe”*

The church is “called to dismantle structures that put people in poverty and pain,” to not only “share the gospel, but share ourselves.”

Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the PC(USA)