

# April 21st, 2024

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

## Order of Worship

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

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** The God of Abraham Praise

Setting by Lloyd Larson

PCAS Youth Bell Choir

### **Candle Lighting**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, children of God, and be welcomed here as you are.

**People: We gather in this place to worship God and God alone.**

Leader: Come, children of God, and be fed by God's Word.

**People: We come to receive what we need for the journey ahead.**

Leader: Come, children of God, and let us find fuel for our faith.

**People: We come to receive God's blessing and share it with others.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

**\*Hymn #35** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

#### **Call to Confession**

Leader: We confess our sin today, not because perfection is the goal, but because love is the goal. We seek to confess that which is not loving in order to embrace a more fuller understanding of God's love. Let us pray:

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

**Expansive God, you have adorned the earth with people as diverse in every way as your divine imagination could envision. We are beautiful to you in all of the many ways in which we embody our humanity. Unfortunately, our imagination is not as expansive. We expect the billions of people sharing our home to have the same needs and to navigate the world in the same way. We build buildings and create communities without vision for full accessibility and inclusion of all bodies and minds. Forgive us, O Lord. Share your unconditional love with us, so that we may have love enough to care for all, not just some. Amen.**

## **Moment for Silent Reflection**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers - to us! We really are God's people - that is exactly who we are!

**People: We are God's children - those whose lives have been changed by the One who loves us and forgives us. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson:** Exodus 3:16-18a, 4:10-16  
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

### **Children's Message:**

Announcing this year's Noisy Offering mission!

## **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **\*Passing the Peace**

**Special Music**      Now Thank We All Our God

Setting by Wayne Bisbee  
PCAS Youth Bell Choir

**Second Scripture Lesson:** Mark 2:1-12  
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

**Personal Reflection:**

Michele Mackay

**Meditation:** Diverse Minds and Bodies in the Kingdom of God

**Offering**

**Offertory**      The Solid Rock

Setting by Lloyd Larson  
PCAS Youth Bell Choir

**\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn**      God, In Our Church's Teaching

God, in our church's teaching, may we be bold and clear;  
may I become our practice to counter hate and fear.  
We've said that Jesus' message is one that's filled with love,  
and yet our sweeping statements are clearly not enough.

Isaiah boldly told us you hate our worship ways  
when we ignore in justice and simply offer praise.  
And Jesus gave a warning: When we in sin and pride  
refuse to welcome others, we turn our Lord aside.

Your people grieve the times, when all we welcome not.  
We grieve our own indifference our speaking out too late.  
God, in our church's witness, may we say loud and clear;  
We welcome every neighbor. We work for justice here.

Benediction

**Postlude**

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Setting by David Lasky

*The flowers today are dedicated to our grandparents  
Adele & Bill Phifer and Mel & Helen Halliday  
by Kim & Joel Davies*

**April 28th, 2024**

Join us in worship as we weave your favorite hymn texts and tunes into our service this week. We have a rich treasury of congregational song that invites us into praise and prayer in many ways. We have the results of your voting on favorites, and we look forward to singing them!  
Come prepared to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



**Worship Leaders**

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Katja Gruening</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>David Apy</b>
	<b>Evan Mackay</b>
	<b>Michele Mackay</b>
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	<b>PCAS Youth Bell Choir</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Brian Sergeant</b>
	<b>John Tortora</b>
<b>Zoom Hosts:</b>	<b>John Palframan</b>
	<b>Jim Wright</b>
<b>Social Hour:</b>	<b>Fellowship Committee</b>

# 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.



*Women's Sunday  
Celebrating the Women  
of the church*

*Sunday, May 5th, 2024*

*10:00 service in the Sanctuary*

*After, everyone is invited  
to a luncheon in Fellowship Hall*

*Blessed is she who has believed  
that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her!*

*Luke 1:45*

22	APR, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
23	APR, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 2:30 – 3:30pm	church & society (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
24	APR, WED	● 7 – 8pm	Prayer Group (Manse)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
25	APR, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
27	APR, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
28	APR, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)