

# December 29th, 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**

Meditation

Jason Smith

## Lighting of the Candle

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord, all of creation!

**People: God is exalted in heaven and earth.**

Leader: In sun and moon and shining stars,

**People: God is exalted in heaven and earth.**

Leader: In sea creatures, land beasts, and flying birds,

**People: God is exalted in heaven and earth.**

Leader: From young to old, from princes to peasants,

**People: God is exalted in heaven and earth.**

Leader: Raise up your horns, lift up your voice,

**People: for God is exalted in heaven and earth!! Hallelujah!**

**\*Hymn #15** All Creatures of Our God and King (vs 1,4,6)

## Call to Confession

Leader: We live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed, but we are also loved by the God in whose image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that image as we make our confession before God and each other.

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought. We turn away from You, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim Your light within us with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that You love us, that you do not abandon us, and that again and again you call us back to You: back to love, back to grace, back to your light.**

**Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Moment for Silent Reflection

## Assurance of Pardon

## Prayer for Illumination

**First Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 148 1-4, 7-13 (OT page 582)  
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

## 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

**\*Hymn #545** Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace  
(Song of Simeon)

**Second Scripture Lesson** Luke 2:21-35 (page 58 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon "Simeon Says—Do This"

### Offering

### Offertory

We Three Kings

Setting by Dennis Alexander

### \*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 #546**            Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

## **\*Benediction**

**Postlude**            God Bless Ye Merry

Wilbur Held

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*Dr. Lindner holds the Ph.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York and the M.Div degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She is the author of several books and numerous publications for periodicals. She has served as guest preacher/theologian at national gatherings of Presbyterian Women, the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Conferences, Montreat Conferences and lectureships at Yale Divinity School, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and Andover Newton Theological Seminary.*

*As a pastor, Rev. Lindner has served parishes in Illinois, New York and New Jersey. For a decade she served as Senior Pastor at the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly, NJ. In retirement she has served as Interim Pastor at The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury and Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church. She is the mother of two adult sons and has two grandchildren. She resides in Brick New Jersey and continues to be active as a Parish Associate at Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church and in the Presbytery.*

### **Worship Leaders**

**Preaching:**

**The Rev. Dr. Eileen W. Lindner**

**Pastor:**

**Rev. Katja Gruening**

**Director of Music Ministries:**

**Marcello Velame**

**Directory of Youth and Family Ministries:**

**Sherri Laberdee**

**Liturgist:**

**Kurt Kaboth**

**Ushers:**

**Rich Vodhanel**

**Jim Wright**

**Zoom Hosts:**

**Rich Vodhanel**

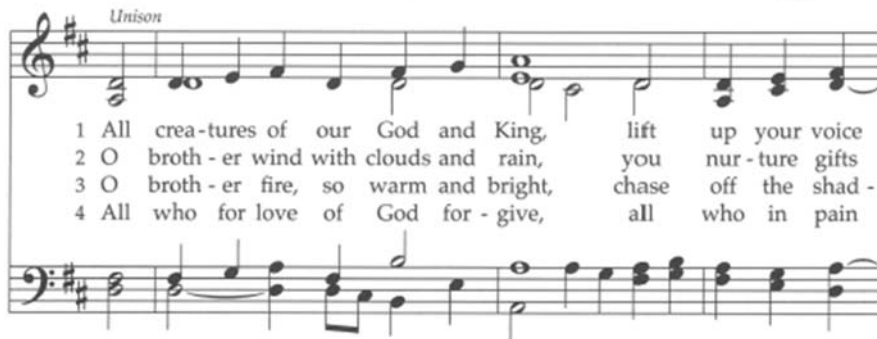
**Jim Wright**

**Social Hour:**

**The MacKay Family**

# 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*



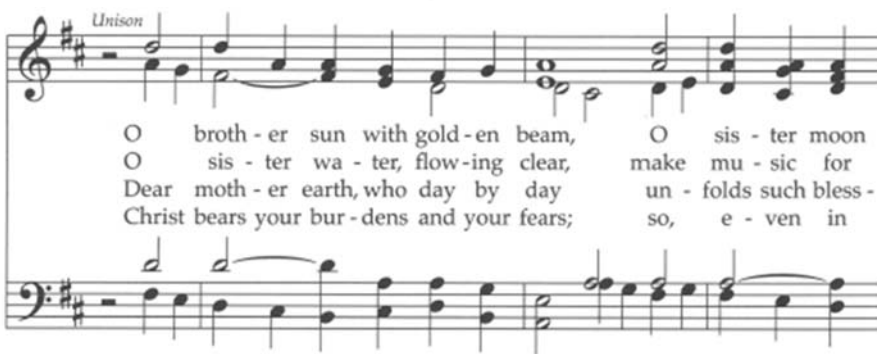
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts  
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-  
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

*Harmony*



and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Unison*




O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon  
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for  
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-  
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

*Harmony*



with sil-ver gleam, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 sings on our way, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 the midst of tears, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Unison*



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace 545

## Song of Simeon

1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace; your  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the

word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing

va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

# 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

30	DEC, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All day</li> </ul>	Office Closed
31	DEC, TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6 – 7:30pm</li> <li>● 7pm – 12am</li> </ul>	<p>Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (TR)</p> <p>Igreja Presbiteriana Getsemani New Years Eve Service (FH)</p>
1	JAN, WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All day</li> <li>● 8 – 9pm</li> </ul>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>Igreja Presbiteriana Getsemani Bible Study (TR)</p>
2	JAN, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4:45 – 5:45pm</li> <li>● 7 – 9pm</li> </ul>	<p>Yoga Small Group - (FH)</p> <p>Igreja Presbiteriana Getsemani choir practice (FH)</p>
3	JAN, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3 – 4:30pm</li> </ul>	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (TR)
4	JAN, SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8 – 9:30am</li> <li>● 7:30 – 9pm</li> </ul>	<p>Men's Group (offsite)</p> <p>AA (TR and FH)</p>
5	JAN, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10 – 11am</li> <li>● 10 – 11am</li> <li>● 11am – 12pm</li> <li>● 3:30 – 4:30pm</li> <li>● 5 – 6pm</li> <li>● 6 – 9pm</li> </ul>	<p>Sunday School</p> <p>Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Coffee Hour (FH)</p> <p>AA (TR)</p> <p>AA (TR)</p> <p>Igreja Presbiteriana Getsemani Worship (FH)</p>
6	JAN, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4:30 – 5:30pm</li> <li>● 7 – 9pm</li> </ul>	<p>Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)</p> <p>Boy Scouts (FH)</p>