

February 12th, 2023

*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

Valdemar Henrique

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with questions and curiosity.

People: Let us come into God's presence with teachable hearts, ready to learn.

Leader: Let us come into God's presence, welcoming God's mentoring.

People: Let us come into God's presence, believing God will help us to grow.

Leader: Come, let us rejoice in the many ways God expands our horizons.

***Hymn #336** We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Call to Confession

Leader: We believe God's grace abounds. Therefore let us be bold to approach the throne of grace, asking for the help we need:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God,

We confess that what stands between the thriving life we want and the often troublesome life that we have is our sin. We are trapped by our unresolved anger, by mistakes we can't forgive or accept forgiveness for, by the lasting impact of choices we wish we hadn't made. We desire to grow into lives of grace and gratitude, but we need your mercy and love to help us heal and actively begin to grow again in hope and faith. We pray for this transformation in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words from scripture, assuring us of God's grace:
"So far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love towards us."

People: We are forgiven! Where there once was the burden of sin, there is now the grace of God! Let us live now as people forgiven and free. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 55:10-13

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**

***Hymn** We Plow the Fields and Scatter



1. We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
2. You on - ly are the Mak - er Of all things near and far;
3. We thank You, then, Cre - a - tor, For all things bright and good,



But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand;
You paint the way - side flow - er, You light the eve - ning star;
The seed-time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food;



God sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey You, By You the birds are fed;
Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer, For all Your love im - parts,



The breez-es and the sun - shine, And soft, re - fresh - ing rain.
Much more to us, Your chil - dren, You give our dai - ly bread.
And what You most would wel - come, Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Second Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

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

Sermon "Growing Upwards"

Offering

Offertory My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

setting by John A Dempsey

Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #36** For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.

For his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

***Benediction**

Postlude

How Great Thou Art

setting by Stephen DeCesare

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Liturgist:	Sue Starke
Organist:	Marcello Velame
Saxophone:	Rich Vodhanel
Ushers:	Jack Mackay Diane Suarez Andy Wolf
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan Jim Wright
Coffee Hour:	Worship



Ash Wednesday

SERVICE

*February 22nd, 2023
7:30pm in Fellowship Hall*

Join us in marking the beginning of the Lent with a different kind of worship experience.

We will gather together with prayer and song, like is familiar. Then we will spend time moving among tables set up with prayerful activities that will guide us individually through the movements of worship: confession and forgiveness, scripture, contemplation and reflection, and offering ourselves to God. One table will offer the sign of ashes. There will be both creative and cognitive ways of coming before God, allowing you to choose how you feel called to spiritually engage. We will close our worship time together around the Lord's table with Communion.

Participation via Zoom is an option; ashes and instructions on how to participate at home will be distributed to those who need them a week in advance. You will need to gather a few common objects from around the house in order to join us in the prayerful activities.

Schedule Week of February 13th

13	FEB, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(studio)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
14	FEB, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(studio)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Dorcas (FH and Kitchen)
16	FEB, THU	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (studio)
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (Social Room)
17	FEB, FRI	● 1 – 2pm	Church & Society Meeting (TR)
18	FEB, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
19	FEB, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)