

January 29th, 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 I Love You Lord

Laurie Klein

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When we seek justice for the other,
when we love kindness more than ever,

People: we live as God asks us to live.

Leader: When we walk humbly through life,
when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,

People: we are the blessing God hopes we will be.

Leader: When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus,
when we choose weakness rather than power,

People: we reflect the One who is in our midst.

***Hymn #12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Call to Confession

Leader: If we want to truly live in God's presence, we must live as God's faithful people. Let us begin by confessing all the mistakes we have made, the wrongs we have done, the people we have hurt. Join me as we pray together, saying:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

What have we done to you, dear God? We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word, then to take the risk to keep it. We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander we speak about those around us.

**You are wise enough to forgive our foolishness;
you are strong enough to overcome our weakness;
you are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause to you and to others.**

And so you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: What has God done to us - **shown mercy!**

What has God done for us - **forgiven us!**

This is the good news for us. We will not boast, for it is not our doing.

People: We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

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 #172** Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

Refrain

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!*

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. *(Refrain)*

Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God. *(Refrain)*

Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs. *(Refrain)*

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see. *(Refrain)*

Second Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

Sermon Uncommon Sense

Offering

Offertory As the Deer Martin Nystrom

Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #307 God of Grace and God of Glory
God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

***Benediction**

Postlude Great is Thy Faithfulness William Runyan

The flowers today are donated by Nancy and Rich Vodhanel with heartfelt thanks for God's grace, we wish to celebrate the lives of Gladys and Richard Pearson, Barbara and Steve Vodhanel, and to Rich's brother, Steve Vodhanel Jr..

***Join us in the Social Room for a “coffee break”.
We will convene the Meeting of the Congregation
in the Sanctuary and on Zoom at 11:15am.***

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, January 29th**

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held following worship today, for the purpose of receiving the annual reports, presenting the 2023 Budget, electing church officers, and approving the pastor's terms of call.

Members present on Zoom will be able to participate in the discussion and vote via Zoom.

Boy Scout Sunday

We look forward to welcoming the Boy Scouts on February 5th. They will be ushering and hosting coffee hour, and we will have the opportunity to thank them for their service to the church and hear a little bit from them about what they're excited for this year in scouting.

Schedule Week of January 30th

30	JAN, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (studio)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
31	JAN, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (studio)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
2	FEB, THU	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (studio)
		● 12:30 – 6:30pm	Blood Drive (FH)
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group (TR)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (Social Room)
4	FEB, SAT	● 8 – 9:30am	Men's Group (offsite)
		● 1 – 4pm	William Kelly interment and repast
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
5	FEB, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship - Boy Scout Sunday (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Deacon's Meeting (Omega)
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Worship (TR)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)

Give from the heart

February is American Heart Month.

Chase depended
on blood during
heart surgery and
in recovery.

**DONATIONS
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BLOOD DRIVE

Thurs. Feb. 2 12:30-6:30

Co-sponsors

IMA Urgent Care

Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury

Site is church at 352 Sycamore Ave., Shrewsbury

Appointments suggested. For an appointment call 800-933-2566
or visit nybc.org/drive or scan the QR code. Sponsor code is 71764



Donors 76 and over need a doctor's note unless one is already on file.
16 year olds need signed NYBC parental consent form.

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Mask requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines. Visit nybc.org/coronavirus for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.

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