



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

February 2, 2020

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Maestoso Fanfare

Michael Mazzatenta

The Ringers on the Green

*** Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: With what shall we come before the Lord?

Many: Shall we bring burnt offerings?

One: Mortals, God has shown us what is good. What does the Lord require?

Many: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

*** Hymn 372**

O for a World

Azmon

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Surprising God, you made foolish the wisdom of the world, teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth and heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice. But we cling to the values of this world, things that enhance our status but cheat our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. God of blessing, reorient our hearts, and renew our minds, so that we might act with justice, practice kindness, and—in all things—walk humbly with you. Amen.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Kyrie: Hymn 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

Oré Poriájú Verekó

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Romans 8:1-2

One: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Many: **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death.**

*** Response: Hymn 435, v.1**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Ordination/Installation of Officers

Rev. Dr. Smazik

Presentation of Deacons and Elders

Wendy Doidge

Elder to be Ordained and Installed: Donna Tomlinson

Deacon to be Ordained and Installed: Kimberley Davies

Questions to the Officers

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these candidates as elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Laying on of Hands

*** Passing of the Peace**

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 (New Testament, page 4)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Do Not Be Afraid Philip W. J. Stopford (b. 1977)

The Chancel Choir & Emily Gaffney, soprano

Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

Sermon

Mountainside Conversation

Rev. Dr. Smazik

*** Hymn 172**

Blest Are They

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Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Cards will be collected with the offering.)

Offertory

O How Amiable

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Chancel Choir

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, they will always be praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us. Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy-work. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

*** Doxology: Hymn 608**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise Christ, all people here below;

praise Holy Spirit evermore;

praise Triune God, whom we adore.

* Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The leader continues...

...Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore.

Sung Response (*Music for Response S4, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 9*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The leader continues...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Sung Response (*Music for Response S5, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 10*)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The leader continues...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Sung Response (*Music for Response S6, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 11*)

Amen, amen, amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(To signify our oneness in Christ, please hold the bread until everyone has been served. You may drink the cup as soon as you receive it, indicating your individual relationship with Christ. The cups contain grape juice.)

Communion Prayer 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.

* Hymn 550

Give Praise to the Lord

Laudate Dominum

* Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on "St. Anne"

Kevin Graf, organ

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Per Capita

Per capita financially supports the higher church councils: our presbytery (Newton), our synod (Northeast), and the PCUSA. These levels of connectivity are one of the things that make Presbyterianism unique; so, in a sense, per capita provides the glue that holds the Presbyterian Church together. For 2020 per capita is \$39 per member. Please remember to write "per capita" in the memo line.

Call for Annual Meeting

The Session of the Presbyterian Church in Morristown calls the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, February 9 at 11:00am, immediately following the 10:00am service of worship. Copies of the Annual Report and the Finance Report are now available in the Narthex.

Reminders about Flowers and Parking

When you make a flower donation to the church for Sundays, please remember to write "flowers" in the memo line or indicate it in your correspondence. There is a flower donation envelope in the offering envelope box for your convenience.

Parking in the rear of the church on Sundays is reserved for those with special needs.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik
The Reverend Sarah Green
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
Wendy Clark, Clerk of Session
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar
The Chancel Choir
The Ringers on the Green

GREETERS

Janet McMillan, Beth Baldanzi, and Carole Ramsey

USHERS

Bob Davies, Head Usher; Wendy & Ray Doidge, Nancy Niemann,
Griffin Thomas, Jack Fraebel, and Cheryl Smith,

COMMUNION SERVERS

Carol Allison, Jeffrey Cramer, Cathie Eyre, Rob Heinink, Stan Mack, Cheryl Maginley,
Mickey McDonnell, Glenn Visscher, Susan Wood, and Kathy Zawacke

ACOLYTES

Daniella Geary and Katherine Williams

FLOWERS

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Alex McConnell
Given by Sandy McConnell

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Laurie & Dennis Bullock

UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Professionals Small Group Bible Study – Tuesday, February 4 at 7 p.m. in the Howard House

Our small group for young professionals looking to network and grow their faith in Christ meets in the Howard House located next to the Sanctuary. Please RSVP to Rev. Dr. Smazik at dsmazik@pcmorristown.org.

Chili Cook Off – Friday, February 7 at 6 p.m. in Sheffield Hall

Beat the winter chill with our annual chili cook off! Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 per family at the door. All proceeds go towards youth mission trips. Questions? Contact Ken Clark krclark11@aol.com

Music Made Here: Tango: Latin Love – Saturday, February 8 at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Our first concert in the 2020 Music Made Here Series celebrates the Tango, featuring CME Artists, CME Young Artists, and guest artists to be announced. Join us for an evening of romantic, sensual music, highlighting this beautiful style of art and dance. Reception with the artists following the concert. Tickets \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door. Visit cmemusic.org/events for more information.

Adult Education Seminar: Emergence at the General Assembly, Sherry Guthrie and Linda Gaden – Sunday, February 9 at 8:30 a.m. in the Erdman Room

According to Phyllis Tickle in *The Great Emergence*, the church is in the midst of a great moment of monumental change. Not unlike the Reformation, this time is one that will alter the course of the church for all time. This June, the General Assembly of the PCUSA meet in Baltimore, MD. Ruling Elders Sherry Guthrie and Linda Gaden, members and former commissioners to General Assembly, will discuss the emerging issues for our whole denomination..

Fellowship Luncheon – Thursday, February 13 at 12 p.m. in the Parish House Erdman Room

Join us for fellowship and conversation at our monthly luncheon. Please RSVP to Cathie Eyre at the What's Up Table after the service. A \$5 donation is suggested.

Faith on Film: *The Bookshop* – Sunday, February 16 at 4 p.m. in the Erdman Room

In a 1950s English town, a free-spirited widow follows her lifelong dream by opening a bookshop, spurring a cultural awakening over the objections of conservative locals. Vern Verhoef will lead a post-film discussion over pizza and salad. This film is rated PG.

WELCOME

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover

Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

We welcome young children in our worship services

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are located in the vestibule by Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Infant and child care** is provided in Howard House during the service. Live-streaming of the service is also available in the Howard House.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left front door.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers in the Narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Schedule:**
 - 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
 - 8:30 a.m. Adult Education Seminar at 65 South Street
 - 8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School at 65 South Street
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



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