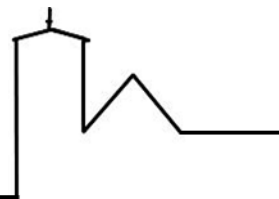


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2/1/2026 · 10:30AM

4th Sunday after Epiphany



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST,

THE PREPARATION

From Trio Sonata V, BWV 529.

J.S. Bach

1. Allegro

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

May we hear your call and speak your truth.

Lord, we come to receive your grace and love.

Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

Gather us into an honest and faithful community.

Kindle in us the courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.

Let us worship our God together in this holy place.

Alleluia. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 459

Father, We Praise Thee

Christe Sanctorum

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, yet we hoard them, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, yet we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, yet we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way every day.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymn 565

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA in Excelsis Hymn 566

Glory to God in the Highest

John Weaver

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 6: 1-8

PSALM 15 Hymn 164 **Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House** *Cheshire*

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-12

The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: **"The Beatitudes of Jesus and Our Search to be Human"** **Rev. Tim Mitchell**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*UNISON*) (*United Church of Canada*)

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect for Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, and in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Arise, Shine

Richard Shepherd

Arise, Shine, for you light has come.
Nations shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.
They shall bring gold and frankincense and proclaim the praise of the Lord.
Your gates will be open continually, shut neither by day nor by night.
No more will the sun give you daylight, nor moonlight shine upon you,
but the Lord will be your everlasting light.
Your God will be your splendour.



SEALING THE WORD

COMMUNION (*see insert*)

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

Blest Are They
(*see insert*)

David Haas

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (*RESPONSIVE*)

Now go, to serve as God's people.

We will work to remove all that divides us from others.

Now go, to share the grace of Jesus.

We will love others just as we are loved.

Now go, to be the Spirit's community.

We will invite everyone to join us in this life of faith and service.

May the grace, hope, peace, and love of God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude

Recessional on Christe Sanctorum

David Blackwell

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell

Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

Kate Kortemeier, alto

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · David Kortemeier, bass

Rebekah Dentino, soprano · Dan Stanley, tenor



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Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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