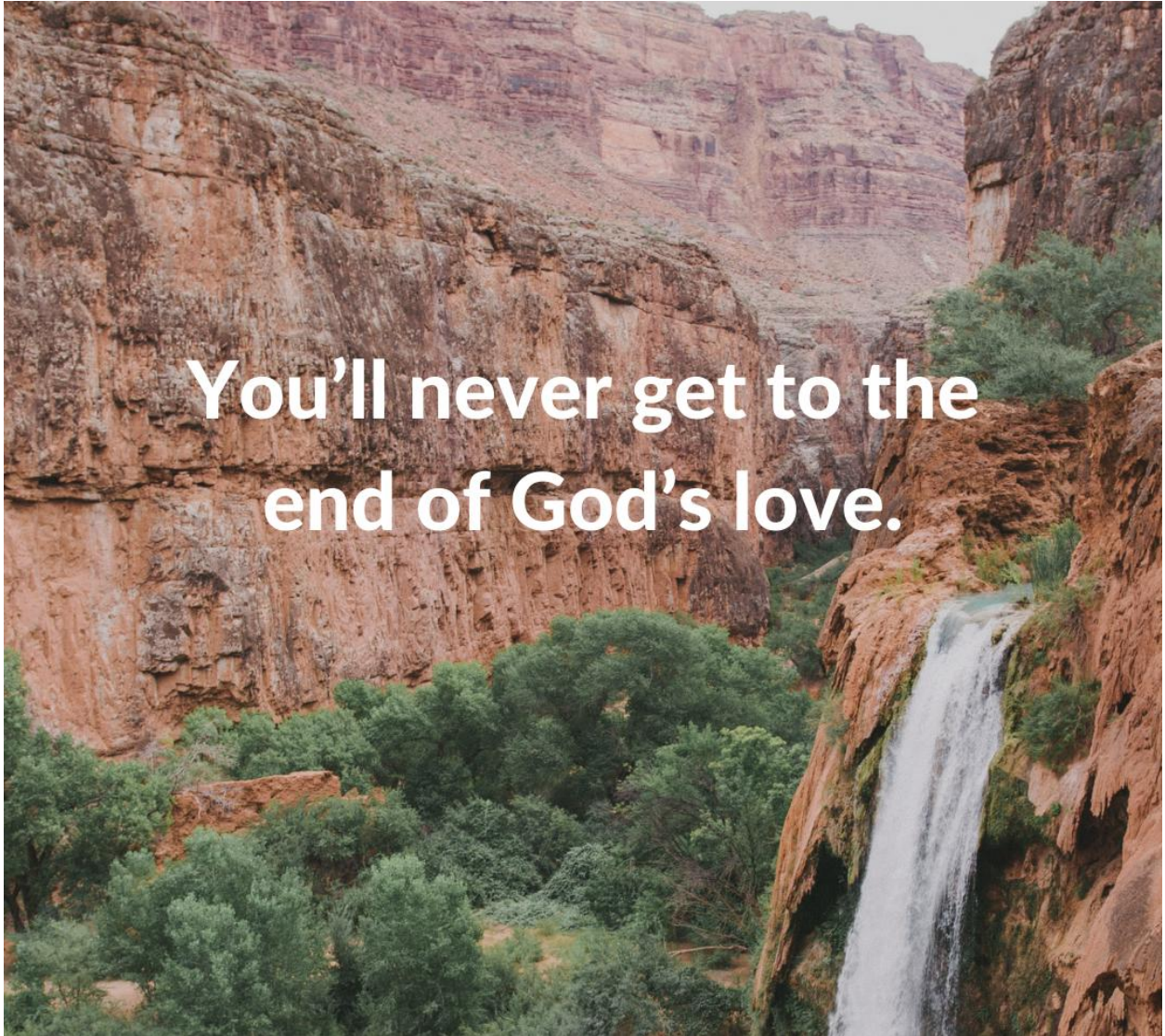


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



February 2, 2025

4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

Camera on Organist and Congregation

PRELUDE

"Adoration"

Florence Price

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP **Camera on Pastor**

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35b

Camera on left side as congregation turns to greet on line viewers

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Camera on Lectern

Liturgist

Please join me in the Call to Worship by reading responsively:

God whose love is vast and measureless, wider than the universe, unlimited and infinite:

In wonder, **we worship you.**

God whose love will never run dry, will never fall short, will never fail:

In wonder, **we worship you.**

God whose love knows nothing of our distinctions, our notions of 'deserving' and 'undeserving', and which encompasses everyone:

In wonder, **we worship you.**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Camera on Lectern

Please join me in prayer:

**O God of all grace, give us a vision of our world as your love would make it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none are hungry or poor;
a world where the benefits of civilized life are shared, and everyone can
enjoy them;
a world where different people of color, nations and cultures live in
tolerance and mutual respect,
a world where peace is built with justice and justice is guided by love;
and give us the inspiration and courage to build it through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Today's first hymn is number 691, "Lord, When I came into This Life"

*HYMN 691

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

LAND OF REST

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Camera on Pulpit with Pastor

The Lord is our hope, trust, refuge, and fortress. With confidence born out of faith in God's power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin. Let us pray:

Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit prompts our voice. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark

places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers and are numb to the grasp of cruelty. Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world, and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace. May God's mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

Camera to the middle if Children come forward

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Camera on Lectern**

Liturgist

Let us pray:

God of all days holy, as a groundhog emerges from its winter dwelling and assesses the light, may your Spirit emerge through our hearts to understand these readings. In hearing these words, regardless of the accuracy of our interpretation or the length of winter's frozen clutch, may we be transformed by your loving presence and reminded that we are your people. Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 13:1-13 **Camera on Lectern**

Today's first reading is from First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verses 1 through 13:

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Camera on Organ and Oboe (On left side)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Adagio in d minor"

Bach/Marcello

Camera on Pastor in pulpit through the Sermon

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:21-30
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Love Never Ends"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 693 "Though I May Speak" GIFT OF LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD **Camera on Organ and Congregation**

OFFERTORY "When in the Hour of Deepest Need" J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS **Camera on Lectern**

Let us pray:

Holy One, you are the giver of our lives. You know us completely, and you accept from us no weak excuses. Take these gifts, offered from our labors, our commitments, and our collections of interest. Transform them from temporal potential into your love at work in this tired world that thirsts for your Word. Amen.

Camera to the middle and on Congregation throughout Communion

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God! You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

And so with the community of faith from every place and time – with those who know how deeply you love us, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself. Jesus is the fulfillment of your promise – hope of the prophets, balm of healing, voice of all grace and truth.

In Christ, we have seen and heard the good news of God: the sick are healed, strangers are welcomed, the poor have hope, and the dead are

raised to new life.

We remember that on the night in which he gave himself up for us. . .

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And now remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,

we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. And we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here and upon these our gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world. Help us to grow in faith and love, as your people in Christ. Strengthen our hearts and teach us patience as we watch and pray for the coming of the Lord.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now with the confidence of children of God, we pray:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(To receive communion when you come forward, please open your hands and a portion of bread will be given to you to partake. If you prefer gluten free, please tell the server. Then pick up a small cup from the tray and partake. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket in which you can place your cup. If you would like a server to come to you, please raise your hand.)

COMMUNION HYMN 494

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"
(Verses 1, 3, 4, & 5)

QUEBEC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us, who shared Christ's body and received his cup, be faithful disciples so that our living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

Camera on Congregation

*HYMN 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION **Camera on Pastor**

The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you.
You are the salt of the earth; you bring light to the world.

**We are not too young or too old,
we are not too rich or too needy
to bring good news to the impoverished,
to give a hand to the broken-hearted,
and to live out freedom and pardon
through the gifts you have been given.**

So, remember to pack peace in your toolbox,
hope in your briefcase,
love in your lunch box,
and may integrity, honesty, and joy be your designer wear of choice.

**We will not be frightened, for we are never alone.
God's love never fails.
The God in whose image we are made
will walk with us and guide us today, tomorrow, and every day.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in F"

Dietrich Buxtehude