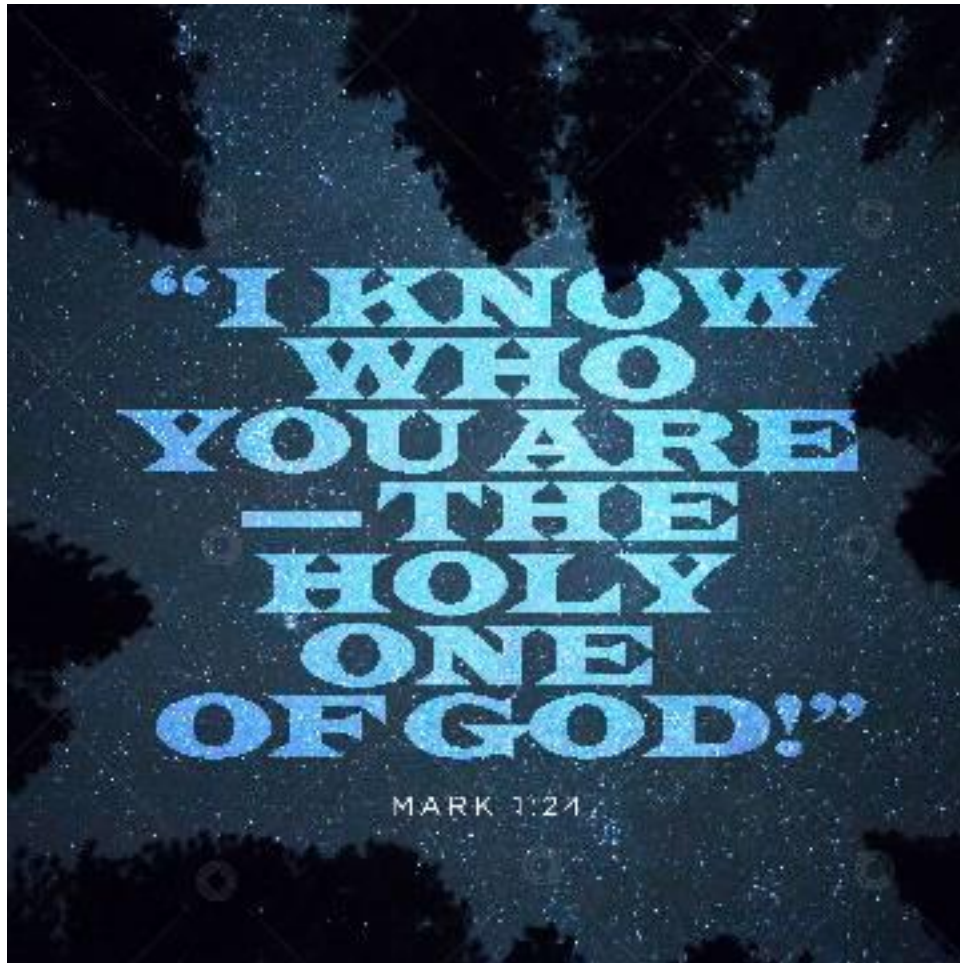


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



January 28, 2024

4th Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"How Great Thou Art"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

arr. LARSON
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me." *Matthew 25:35b*
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 (from Psalm 111)

Liturgist

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.
Great are your works, O God, pondered by all who delight in them.
Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.
You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends. Let us pray:

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy. This is good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me"

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

(Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Siciliana"

J.S. BACH

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:21-28

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"No Dozing This Sabbath"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 181

"Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

EBENEZER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison; from Colossians 1:15-20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"In Christ Alone"

arr. LARSON

*DOXOLOGY/ Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 361

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

AURELIA

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Responsive)

Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"

arr. RANEY