

**Date: January 28, 2024**  
**Season of Epiphany**

**Prayer of Preparation**

Anne Osdieck

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

*Dear God, our hope is that you will amaze us; win us with your words; spellbind us with your love. And let us, with you, cast out unclean spirits from this world: human trafficking, gun violence, homelessness, climate crisis, conspiracy theories, racial bias, poverty, greed, war. Make the unclean spirits obey you, in our small efforts.*

**Gathering in the Presence of God**

*\*Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

**Gathering Music**    *God, Who Summons through All Ages*

David Hurd

**Welcome**

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

Liturgist

Praise to the God who loves us.

**Thanks to the God who heals us.**

Praise Christ's teaching, full of power and authority.

We sit at the feet of our teacher.

Praise to Christ, who sets us free.

**Thanks to the Spirit who makes us one.**

**\*Hymn**

*Let Us Build a House  
All Are Welcome*

GTG 301

God our God: we fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture and wonder why we are so empty when we need words of hope, of grace, of comfort. We are careful to follow the prescriptions our doctors give us yet pay little heed to your hopes for us. We puff out our chests over what good people we are, yet do not notice how our pride trips those who seek to follow Jesus. Forgive us, Holy One, and be gracious to us: astound us with your words, so we may learn your ways; nourish us with your mercy, so we may be filled with life; enter our empty souls, till they overflow with praise for your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

## \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Reflection	With Authority	Pastor
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## **We Respond to God's Word**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*I Believe in Jesus*

Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People of God: Joys and Hopes &  
The Lord's Prayer**

**The Act of Gratitude**

**Offertory**

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

GTG 722

*(Congregation join the choir in singing verses 1,2,3 & 5)*

**\*Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God**

GTG 606

*Tune: Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

Liturgist

O God, we are left in awe by your power, your teaching, and your tenderness. In this act of giving, we respond with the hope and the prayer that the love shown through this same power, teaching, and tenderness may be spread throughout our community and around the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

## **We Follow God's Word into the World**

**\*Hymn**

*O Christ, the Healer(v.1,3,5)*

GTG 793

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

William Moore  
setting by John Carter

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Next Week's Liturgist: Pam Jusino

## **WORSHIP TEAM**

Rev. Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Lois Gillespie

Ushers: Greg Estes and John Rotach

Music: Judy Moore

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 1:30 pm -USHER AND COMMUNION TRAINING.** Anyone who is interested in being an Usher or who is an officer of the church who would like to learn how to serve communion, please come! It will be facilitated by Silvia Ritchie, Pam Jusino and Pastor Eddie. Contact Pam Jusino with any questions.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 @10am – Sunday Service with Communion.** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for “Soup Sunday”, hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 and WEDNESDAYS, FEB. 14 AND 21;  
MARCH 6, 13 AND 20 @10-11:15am - Lenten Book Study – Final Words from the Cross .** "Final Words - From the Cross", is a book-based study that explores the six statements that Jesus spoke from the cross and the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. This study is designed to walk us through the six weeks of Lent. Join Pastor Eddie for this seven-week class and experience the final words from the cross.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

1. Feb., Tuesday 6 : Father Forgive Them... pp.13-33
2. Feb. Wednesday 14 - NO CLASS - Ash Wednesday service at 4:30 p.m.
3. Feb. Wednesday 21 - Today, You Will Be With Me in Paradise pp.34-50
4. Feb. Wednesday 28 - Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother pp.51-63
5. March, Wednesday 6 - My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me pp.64-82
6. March, Wednesday 13 - I Thirst and It is Finished pp.83-116
7. March, Wednesday 20 -Postscript: The Words After That pp.117-128

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 @ 4:30pm – Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes.**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 @ 6pm – Expressions of Joy Harp Ensemble**  
Join us for this annual special concert featuring five harpists.. Free will offering

## ***REMEMBER IN PRAYER***

Our precious sister in Christ, **Linda Book**, was admitted to Beebe Hospital, for treatment of a spinal fracture, related to her fight against cancer. She was transferred to Bayhealth in Milford for rehabilitation. but now has been moved to Acute Care. She developed sepsis and being treated with a heavy antibiotic. We lift her up in the united, fervent prayers of her loving WPC family. May God grant wisdom and skill to her doctors and may the pain-relieving powers of medical therapy be effective. We ask the Holy Spirit to replace anxiety with peace and pain with comfort. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

We give thanks and praise to our ever-faithful God who heard and answered our prayers for **Marissa** (beloved friend of **Bonnie Ekas and Linda Crowe and their families**). Marissa (25) faced a profound diagnosis and subsequent surgery. Happily the surgery was successful, and her future is bright. Praise the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

### ***Surgery and Post-Surgery:***

**Bev** (friend of Sherry Schnepfe)

**Hull McLean**

**Nancy Rosenthal** (friend of Wendy Walker)

### ***Illness***

**Charlotte and Riley** (daughter and great-niece of Pastor Eddie and Pam)

**Marion** (friend of Esther L., Sarah & Nancy O., and Diana G.)

## **WPC Fellowship Update, January 18, 2024**

Attendees: Pastor Eddie, Ken McDyer and Charlotte Jacobs (Lois Anne Rayner excused).

Subject: Standardization of Menu Options for Fellowship/Hospitality

Dear WPC Members and Friends:

The Pastor and Fellowship Chair and Co-Chair expressed an interest last year about encouraging others to learn how we select menus, order supplies, and set protocols for staging the hospitality hour after worship. The January 18 meeting included Ken McDyer because of his background as a chef and restaurateur. After exchanging many good ideas, the result focused on a “team concept” with set menus for each Sunday unless a special occasion calls for a change or donor/member choice.

We will start in February. A signup board has been posted in Fellowship Hall for your convenience. Please plan to serve 40 attendees with a budget not to exceed \$140. Receipts are required for reimbursement to the Fellowship budget. Donations are always welcome.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month: Soup Sunday - Hosted by Fellowship.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month: Salads or (committee choice).

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month: Potluck – Hosted by the congregation. A sign-up board will be posted in Fellowship Hall. Fellowship will provide coffee, tea, and waters.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: Hosted by Fellowship.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (March/June/Sept./Dec.: Pizzas or Surprise Sunday.

Fellowship Responsibilities: Set up – usually on Friday or Saturday. Bring your food items in if possible, ahead of schedule. On Sunday, make coffee, set out non-perishable food and plug in coffee about 9:30a.m. before attending worship. Please remember that we have members/friends with food allergies. We suggest that you make a note if food contains dairy, raw onions, or tomatoes and have one or two gluten free options available.

Food service can be done after worship, followed by clean up and trash detail.

We welcome support in all forms -sign up for set up/serving/clean up and trash detail.

The outline above will allow Fellowship Committee members to participate in the worship service more often as well as train others about how the committee functions.