

Date: February 2, 2025
Season of Epiphany
The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Preparation

Anne Osdieck

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.

Creator God, you knew us in our mother's womb. Before we were born you loved us. We cling to the pledge you made to Jeremiah, to Jesus and to each of us. "Whatever you do, I will be there with you."

Gathering in the Presence of God

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

Gathering Music

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

GTG 396

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

The Lord calls us to go into the world.

We will go!

God commands us to speak as God commands –

We will speak!

God assures us, "Do not be afraid" –

We trust that God will deliver us! Amen!

*Hymn

Here I am, Lord

GTG 69

***Confessing Our Separation from God** (unison)

Liturgist

Ah, Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope, because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We do not know how to be loving, because our role models are ridicule and anger. We do not know how to be faithful to you, because at an early age, we learned to trust the promises of all the false prophets who entice us with their simple thoughts. But you know how to forgive, God of kindness, so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not

only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who abides in us.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Hebrew Scripture Jeremiah 1:4-10 Liturgist

Source: The New International Version

Anthem *By His Hand* Thomas Mack

Reflection Making Your Life Count

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

Source: Second Helvetic Confession

We believe that all things in heaven and on earth and all creatures, are preserved and governed by the providence of the wise, eternal, and almighty God. For he who is the truth says that the birds of the air are fed by him, and the lilies of the field are clothed by him; he also says that the hairs of our head are numbered.

Prayers of the People of God –

Joys and Hopes

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory: *Will You Come and Follow Me* GTG 726

***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

God of love, as we offer these gifts, we are reminded that without love, all our actions fall short of their true purpose. May this offering reflect the love that never fails, and may it serve to build up your kin-dom with faith, hope, and love as its foundation. Bless these gifts to spread your love to every heart they touch. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn of Invitation**

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with
Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

Liturgist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give thanks and praise...Great is the mystery of our faith.

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

Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted. And yet, we received everything that we needed. For this, we pray the way your son, our Lord and Savior taught us to pray... "Our Father..."

The Words of Institution & the Blessings of the Home Communion Sets

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

Communion Prayer

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn** *I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry* GTG 488

***Benediction**

Postlude *Lead On, O King Eternal* GTG 269

Next Week's Liturgist: Marylea Franz

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Karen Palermo

Ushers: Jim Miller and Greg Estes

Music: Art Libby

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

Thank you to the Deacons for today's Communion Bread.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

To hear and vote on the 2025 Pastor Eddie's Terms of Call

and to present the 2025 budget

THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Per Capita Apportionment - \$30.00 per member –

The Per Capital Apportionment is used to support the wider church structure, including the General Assembly, synods, and presbyteries, allowing for shared governance costs across the denomination.

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

Thank you to our members who have submitted their Per Capita for this year. If you need to submit yours, or have any questions, please contact Kerry at wpcbooks301@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 8 – FEBURARY 26 @ 10-11:15am- Adult Ed Bible Study: “Questioning Scripture” with Alan Keohane. Questioning Scripture is an interactive visual tour of the bible organized chronologically. It builds on Picturing Scripture. Please join us for these interesting and thought-provoking sessions on Genesis. This is a Zoom class **only** - the link is accessible on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC’s website.

FEBRUARY 2 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION AND FELLOWSHIP – The Fellowship Committee is offering chili and fixings during fellowship immediately after today’s service.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – BETTY PRATT MEMORIAL SERVICE

10am-11am - Viewing

11am –Memorial Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH FELLOWSHIP and SOUP SUNDAY– immediately after the service, refreshments and home-made will be available in the Fellowship Hall (sponsored by The Fellowship Committee).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - CLUSTER GROUP GATHERING

Westminster’s bi-annual cluster group gathering will take place during the fellowship hour. A special luncheon gathering is planned and hosted by your Cluster Group Leaders. Each group will be seated together to reconnect and have some fun! Please rsvp to your group leaders. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Silvia at (302) 604-9529 OR EMAIL SILAXRITCHIE@GMAIL.COM

WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE - Please let Silvia know if you would like a box.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Sunday February 23 @ 3-4pm - U.S. Air Force "Woodwind Quintet Concert"

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mourning

Rich Pratt (his mom, Betty Pratt moved from this life to more life)

Surgery/Post Surgery

Stacey (daughter of Nancy and Jim Brock)

Glenn Dixon

Ailing

Susanne (daughter of Wes and Connie Paulson)

Don Smith

Hull McLean

Grieving

Johanna & Paul Ekas – on the passing of Johanna's father, John Haddox

James Gamble – on the passing of his wife, Tracey

Rev. Doug Gerdts, Ret., NC Presbytery – on the passing of his grandson, Harvey

Legacy Members

Betty Carnahan, Mable Granke, Hull McLean & Barbara Miller, Joe & Barbara

Morgan, John & Pat Mossel, Bob & Jane Nicholson, Sara Ortolani and Mimi Peters