



## Service for the Lord's Day

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*\*Please stand, as you are able*

### Gathering of the People

#### Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Lynda McLean

Prelude

*You Are My All in All*

arr. Cindy Berry

**\*Call to Worship** (from Psalm 111)

Lynda McLean

One: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

**Many: Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.**

One: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

**Many: You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

**\* Hymn 475**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

**\*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

deNay Kirkpatrick

**Holy God, eternal yet immediate, beyond yet near, we praise you for all that you have made, for grace that amazes, for mercy that cleanses, and for love that never lets us go. Hear our prayers, our shouts and our sighs, our whispers and our cries, and that which we can only speak deep within. Refresh your church. Give us a creative spirit as we travel together, sharing life and ministry. Renew our commitment to using well your abiding gifts of faith, hope and love. You have shown us in Jesus an example of courageous compassion and risky generosity and bold truth-telling. Help us to follow in his way so that we might know the fullness of life you intend for us all. God of each day and all days, hear us, hold us and keep us, for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

**A Moment with the Children**

*Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon*

## **Confessing to God**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you want us to be. Amen.**

**Silent Reflection**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Lynda McLean

## First Reading

Psalm 111:1-10

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- 8 They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.

The Word of God for the People of God

## Thanks be to God

### Anthem

### *Lord, Tune Our Hearts to Sing*

Joseph Martin

Lord, tune our hearts to sing; awake us now to pray  
Lord, tune our hearts to sing; prepare our hearts today.  
Lord, we come with gratitude for all that you have done.  
Lord, tune our hearts to sing, Lord, now make us one.  
We will sing your glory; we will sing your praise.  
As your music fills this place, fill us with your grace.  
Lord, tune our hearts to love, renew our unity.  
Lord, tune our hearts to love; teach us to walk in your way.  
Lord, we come with gratitude for all that you have done.  
Lord, tune our hearts to love. O, Lord now make us one. Amen.

**Gospel****Mark 1:21-28**

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24 and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." 28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**Sermon**

deNay Kirkpatrick

**\* Hymn 288***Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

## Responding to God's Grace

**\*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.**

**Invitation to the Table and the Prayer of Communion****(for Communion of Empty Hands)**

**One:** This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. We gather here - at this table of grace - to celebrate the goodness of God and the abundance of God's love. In a spirit of unity, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who are here for the first time, you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come as God's beloved, beautiful and blessed.

**Many:** **We come to this table thankful, for the abundance of God's world; thankful that there is more than enough food and grace to go around. We come, thankful that Jesus came to show us the way - the way of steadfast love and compassion, the way of forgiveness and unity. We come, thankful that the Spirit is alive in us and among us.**

**One:** We need to be at this table because there are wounds in the Body of Christ that need healing. There are members in this body who are hurting. There are neighbors who suffer - sisters and brothers, sons and daughters who do not have enough to eat or access to clean water. As we gather together in spirit, let us remember the tenacity of God's Love and the creative power of God's Spirit brooding over the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

One: Merciful God, we give thanks for all of the rich treasures of your creation: for tiny seeds and giant trees, for grain, yeast, salt, and water, for fruit, soil and sunshine, for the things we grow and the mysteries of life, for the wonders and surprises in nature that startle us into gratitude.

**Many: Loving Christ, we give you thanks for all the treasures of relationships: for those who have gone before us in faith and courage, for family memories passed down, for the stories we tell in church that help us to see your goodness, for the Biblical narrative that sets the pattern for each of our lives and our life together.**

One: Holy Spirit, we give you thanks: for the gift of this table around which we gather; for all who make nourishment and clean water possible; for this community that connects us in ever widening circles; and for the hope and vision of a time and place where everyone will have enough to eat and drink, and we will all sit at table as one body.

### Silent Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

#### \*The Communion of Empty Hands

One: Friends, here we gather for a communion of empty hands. The absence of a common loaf reflects a world of profound food insecurity; the absence of a cup filled to the brim reflects a world where water has become a precious commodity.

**Many: We gather in solidarity with all of God's children in need around the world - those who are hungry and have no food, those who are thirsty and have no access to clean water. We gather as truth-tellers, mindful of the stories that challenge injustice, inequality, racism and poverty. We gather remembering the stories that empower the powerless.**

One: Here we gather remembering this story: On the night of his betrayal and arrest, Jesus sat at table with his followers and friends and shared a meal. After the meal, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and invited all to take eat and remember. He took the cup, blessed it and invited all to take, drink and remember.

**Many: Now as we share in the communion of empty hands, we remember the church – breaking bread as Jesus did, pouring the wine and inviting all to taste and see that the Lord is good. We remember that the gifts of God are for all of the people of God.**

One: Let us enact this holy meal in a spirit of unity: breaking the bread, and dipping the bread in the cup as Jesus did; sharing the feast as one.

*Communion liturgy adapted by Reverend Elizabeth O'Neil  
from "Visions of a World Hungry", by Thomas Pettepiece*

**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*Donations of non-perishable food items will be distributed through our partnership with T.E.A.M. As we receive the offering of special music, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the baskets at the front of the sanctuary.*

**Offertory**

*Meditation on DENNIS*  
"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

David Paxton

**\*The Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sending of God's People**

**\*Hymn 839**

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

ASSURANCE

**\*Charge and Blessing**

And all God's children say, "Alleluia! Amen!"

**\*Choral Benediction**

*Go Now in Peace*

Don Besig

**\*Postlude**

*A Trumpet Fanfare*

Gilbert Martin

*Unless otherwise noted, liturgy provided by The Presbyterian Outlook, written by John Wurster*

## ***Welcome to Cahaba Springs***

*We warmly welcome you* to worship this morning at Cahaba Springs! To learn more about our worship, learning, fellowship, and service opportunities, please pick up a copy of our calendar in the entryway or visit us online at [cspchurch.org](http://cspchurch.org). We encourage you to participate in any opportunity that interests you and hope you will return often.

**Children:** We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available during worship, staffed by experienced workers. During the 11:00 am service, children are invited forward for a special message during *A Moment with the Children*, then may continue to worship with their family or go to Junior Church. Worship bags for children are available in the Narthex.

**Communion:** All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

**Offering:** Offerings may be placed in the offering plates that will be passed around during the offertory, or you may give securely online through eOffering - an information sheet on eOffering is on the table in the entryway.

## ***January/February Happenings at Cahaba Springs***

***CSPC Book Club*** – Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. This month's discussion will be on *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult led by Karen O'Brien.

***Fellowship Lunch*** – Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; meat will be provided.

***First Tuesday Dinner*** – Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at El Patron in Trussville.

***Knit Wits*** – Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM meeting in the Ladies' Room.

***PW February Luncheon & Study*** – Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. We will study Chapter 6 of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir. Please bring sides or dessert; soup will be provided.

***Ash Wednesday Service*** – Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

***Stated Session Meeting*** – Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship.

***XYZ February Luncheon*** – Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. We will meet at *Walk On* in Trussville located on Highway 11.

***Communion of Empty Hands*** – Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> benefiting TEAM. Please bring nonperishable food items and share with those who are less fortunate.

***CSPC Book Club*** – Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. This month's discussion will be on *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride led by Karen O'Brien.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

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### *for our church family...*

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie	Edward Giddens	Serena Jenkins
Betty Quattlebaum	Chuck Smith	Cecile Floyd	Corbett Millar
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Arnold & Laura Reichert	Randy Little	

### *for our extended family...*

Lisa Kraye Smith	Gene McKean	Grayson Pope	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Philippe Lathrop	Andrew Kestle	Leslie Speakman
Joy Martin	Don McCants	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
Matthias	Candice White	Gene Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Shelley Easterling	Barry Parvin	Joe Pat Bludsworth	Bennett Fuller
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Laura Stalls
Laura Rainey	C. J. Fonte	David Narkates	Andy Lewis
Tommy Robbins	Kevin Little	Amy Baughman	Dave McGlasson
Mike & Nancy Hartman	Billy Porter		

***If you need someone to drive you to doctor appointments or other necessary places, please call the church office. We have a list of people that will be glad to assist you.***

## ***Classes for 2024***

***Reel to Real*** – Sundays at 9:30 AM in *Harmony Hall* led by Steve Goodwin. This is a discussion class based on movies and how they relate to us biblically.

***Fun With the Lectionary*** - a new Sunday School class for youth and adults meeting at 9:30 AM in the Pastor's Conference Room. The class will be led by Pastor deNay and will study the lectionary readings for the week. We will be following the three-year **Revised Common Lectionary** for Sundays and festivals which was produced by the ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts in 1992 and was included in the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993/2018). This lectionary provides scripture readings for proclamation in public worship, following the Sundays, festivals, and seasons of the Christian year (or liturgical calendar). The three-year lectionary cycle (Years A, B, and C) focuses on different sections of scripture each year, notably the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C (the fourth gospel, John, is prominently featured at certain times in each year). We are currently in Year B. For more information, contact Pastor deNay.

***Growing in Grace & Gratitude*** -- Sundays at 9:30 AM. *The children grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the (grace) of God was upon them. – Luke 2:40.* Children nurtured in the love and grace of God learn the story of who and whose they are by watching, listening, tasting, smelling, playing, and exploring holy things in the context of a faith community. We welcome the children as God's beloved who will seek to follow Christ. We are in need of teachers, so if you would like to serve, please see Karen Brown or Linda Inzer.

***Thursdays Together*** – Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We are studying *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It* by Robert Fulghum. Quoting a man rescued from a burning bed, the title is a clue to the merriment in some of the essays collected here, inviting readers to laugh as they empathize with those who put themselves in absurd situations. These stories remind us that there is a clownish facet in everyone's character, one of the traits that make us human.

## ***Other Weekly Events***

***Chancel Choir*** – Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

***Chordmakers*** – Fridays at 5:30 PM in Harmony Hall. Please join us for good food, fun, fellowship, and of course music

***Birmingham Youth Group*** – Sundays, meeting at 4:20 PM at CSPC and traveling to various Presbyterian Churches. This is a gathering of youth from several Presbyterian Churches as a way to connect, socialize and learn. Transportation and dinner are provided. Contact Karen Brown for additional information.

## ***Mission Projects***

**TEAM** is in need of clothing for school-aged children. Any clothing donations can be placed in their secure drop box. They are located at 570 Simmons Dr, Trussville which is just past Pediatrics East and Trussville Post Office.

## **Church Wish List**

We have put together a CSPC "Wish List" of office & cleaning supplies that are needed. These items can be ordered from Amazon by clicking on the QR code located below. Since the church may not be open when items are delivered, please have all orders shipped to your address. Thank you for your generosity!



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A church where all people  
are welcomed and cared for,  
empowered to grow spiritually,  
and equipped to serve God  
and each other in meaningful ways