



Service for the Lord's Day

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**Please stand, as you are able*

Gathering of the People

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Karen O'Brien

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Lobe den Herren"
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation"

James Pethel

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 147)

Karen O'Brien

One: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

Many: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

One: For God is gracious, healing the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.

Many: God's understanding is beyond measure. Praise the Lord!

* Hymn 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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***Prayer of Invocation (Unison)** *(a prayer of worship by Julie Palmer)* deNay Kirkpatrick
Good and Gracious God, we thank and praise you for the life you have so richly given us. Thank you for the incredible blessing of being your children. Thank you for the intricate and beautiful creations you have made us to be. Lord, we give you all that we are and ask that we might engage with your Spirit today. We lift our hearts that you might fill them with new love. We lift our minds that you would pour fresh hope into our thinking. We lift our souls that they may bathe in your grace. We lift our voices to sing your praises, to worship and adore you our Lord, our great Creator. Today we offer you our whole being in worship. 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)

Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:17)

*** 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

Karen O'Brien

First Reading**Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

- 1 Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
 - 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
 - 3 He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
 - 4 He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
 - 5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
 - 6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
 - 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
 - 8 He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.
 - 9 He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.
 - 10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
 - 11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- 20c Praise the Lord!

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God**Instrumental Anthem***Doxology*

arr. Martha S. Kelsey

The Genevan Psalter, 1551

Joe Carter, organ Kay Carter, piano

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.

Second Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

- 21 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- 22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- 23 who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- 24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- 25 To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
- 27 Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
- 29 He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
- 30 Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
- 31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Responding to God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Vignette

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

deNay Kirkpatrick

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you

Many: **And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: **We lift them to the Lord**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .**

Prayers of the People

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.

Sharing of the Sacraments (Intinction)

We will be celebrating Holy Communion by intinction. You will come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. If you prefer to remain seated, please let one of the ushers know and we will gladly bring communion to you.

One: These are the gifts of God for the people of God

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer after Communion

Sending of God's People

***Hymn 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

***Charge and Blessing**

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

***Postlude**

Sing Praise to God!

David Paxton

based on the hymn-tune "Mit Freuden Zart"
from the Kirchen Gesängebuch, 1566

*Except where otherwise noted, liturgy provided by The Presbyterian Outlook,
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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. 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.

February Happenings at Cahaba Springs

Fellowship Lunch – today immediately following worship. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; meat will be provided.

First Tuesday Dinner – Tuesday, February 6th at 6:00 PM at El Patron in Trussville.

Knit Wits – Saturday, February 10th at 10:00 AM meeting in the Ladies' Room.

PW February Luncheon & Study – Sunday, February 11th 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 14th at 6:00 PM.

Stated Session Meeting – Sunday, February 18th immediately following worship.

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

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

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, February 27th 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

for our church family...

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Ed Swartz, Jr.	Edward Giddens	Serena Jenkins
Betty Quattlebaum	Chuck Smith	Cecile Floyd	Corbett Millar
Arnold & Laura	Christy & Randy		
Reichert	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	Billy Porter	Chris Hershey	
Hartman			

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 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!



Immediate needs:

55-gallon trash bags

Stamps

Paper products for Harmony Hall

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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