

**First Sunday After the Epiphany, January 12, 2025**  
**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
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## **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Time to Center**

**Call to Worship**

Holy One, as we gather this day  
we remember your promises in the pouring of water,  
and we give thanks for all that the future brings  
that we may live and worship you this day and the next

**\*Opening Hymn**     *Here In This Place* vv. 1, 3, and 4    *Glory to God* #401

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Voice 1: John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Voice 2: Here is our confession:  
Jesus took bread and fish and divided it among the people  
and in a miracle of sharing 5,000 were fed.  
We confess that a generosity that feeds people before they begin to starve  
is often beyond us. May we repent and affirm through our baptism  
a way of living that enables a banquet for the hungry.  
This is our confession.

*Drop stone into water.*

Voice 3: Here is our confession:  
Jesus heard the pleas of a woman caught in adultery  
and the hypocrisy of those who condemned her to stoning

and in a miracle of forgiveness the accusers turned away  
and Jesus turned towards the woman “Go and sin no more”.  
We confess a speed to condemn that betrays our guilt.  
May we repent and affirm through our baptism a way of living  
that forgives with a second chance.  
This is our confession.

*Drop stone into the water.*

Voice 4: Here is our confession:

Jesus heard the foreigner respond that even the dogs  
eat the crumbs from the table and in a miracle of the kingdom  
Jesus witnessed the faith being unbound, opening to all and accepting all.  
We confess our humanity tends towards mistrust and prejudice.  
May we repent and affirm through our baptism a way of living  
that celebrates diversity and welcomes to the stranger.  
This is our confession.

*Drop stone into water.*

Voice 1: In this our confession may we know  
the deep peace of the running wave, the flowing air,  
the quiet earth, the shining stars, the gentle night  
and the peace of Christ. Amen.

**\*Sung Response of Praise**      *There is a Wideness in God’s Mercy*  
Glory to God #435

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

May we know the peace of Christ by living it out with one another.  
May the peace of Christ be with you all.

***And also with you.***

Let us share signs of Christ’s peace.

## **THE WORD**

**Sung Preparation for the Word**      *Listen, Now for the Gospel*

**A Reading from the Book of Psalms**    Psalm 51:6-17

**Conversation with the Younger Church**

**A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke**    Luke 3:1-22

**Sermon**

**Silent Reflection on the Word Preached**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn**     *Sing of God Made Manifest v. 2 only*     Glory to God #156

**Healing Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Returning Music**     *Spirit of the Living God*     Glory to God #288

**Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings**  
**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**     *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*     Glory to God #609

**Litany of Dedication**

It is water through which creation was birthed,  
***it is our invitation to be birthed anew in God.***

It is water by which God's people gather,  
***it is our invitation to be gathered up into new life.***

It is water in which we are called by name,  
***and it is our invitation to be called God's children.***  
***Amen.***

## SENDING

**\*Hymn**     *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*     Glory to God #475

**Our Ministry in Christ**

**Charge and Benediction**

**And All God's People Say**

**Postlude**