

Second Sunday After the Epiphany, January 19, 2025

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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GATHERING

Prelude

Bell Ringing

Welcome

Time to Center

***Opening Song** *Let us Build a House* Glory to God #301

***Opening Responses**

Listen! In Christ, God speaks.

In our hearing, may the word be fulfilled.

Listen! God's voice goes out to the world.

The word calls us in and sends us out.

Listen! But don't just listen.

As we attend to the word, may we also enact it.

***Opening Prayer**

***We are excited to hear your word today, O God,
and we rejoice that you continually speak to us.***

***Amaze us once again with your grace,
and fix our eyes on you so that when you begin***

***to lead us out of our comfort zones,
we will be ready to follow without fear.***

Amen.

Silent Prayers of Unburdening

Find your feet on the floor. Take three deep breaths, in through your nose and out through your mouth. If you are feeling at all distant, separate, fragmented, take this moment to confess this to God and seek to be reconnected.

Words of Assurance

Christ came to bring good news to the poor, release to prisoners, recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Where you are struggling, burdened, oppressed, Christ intervenes.

Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Alleluia, Amen!

***Song of Praise** *Live into Hope* (vv. 1 and 4) Glory to God #772

THE WORD

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke *Luke 4:14-30*

Story Telling in Community

Introduction and Centering

Story Sharing

Find 2-3 people near you with whom to share.

Prompts for Story Sharing:

1) Share a story of a time when the Spirit has moved you to act with mercy for the poor, imprisoned, blind, or oppressed.

OR

2) Share a story of a time when you felt misunderstood or rejected by your family or home community.

Reflection on Our Experience

Prayer

Thank you, God for sending your Spirit to transform circumstances and allow us to overcome experiences of rejection and misunderstanding. Use us to further your mission in the world and help us to know deeply that we are loved. In Jesus' name, Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Sarah will gather prayers verbally and on zoom.

She will repeat prayers shared concluding with

"This is his/her/my/their prayer" and all are invited to respond

"This is our prayer"

Offering our Gifts to God

Invitation to Generosity

We join ourselves to the mission of God in Christ through the practice of generosity. Let us participate in reaching out to the least and the lost and sharing the love of God for the world, by giving generously to our morning offering and offering up our voices in song.

Offertory Song *When The Lord Redeems the Very Least* Glory to God #852

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ

Session Testimonial- Roberta Schlechter

Charge and Sung Benediction

And All the People Say

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Postlude

Worship Sources

Opening Responses and Opening Prayer by the Rev. Teri Peterson, shared with the Bible Worm Collective in which Pastor Sarah is a member.