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# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

10:00 AM

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 111)

***Margaret Sollish, Liturgist***

One: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**All: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

One: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

**All: Holy and awesome is his name.**

One: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

**All: all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

\*HYMN #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Let us offer them with joy in our hearts and a deep sense of gratitude.

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #592

**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 (UNISON)

**God of justice, mercy, and compassion; we bring our tithes and offerings to you and pray they will be used to make your amazing love known to all. Then, most often, we leave and return to our weekday lives, expecting someone else to make that happen. Remind us that your prophets, your leaders, your missionaries, were called and raised up from "among the people." Help us open our lives and our minds to the possibility that we might be the ones you would call and send. We pray this in the name of Christ, our teacher and our redeemer. Amen.**

\*HYMN #426 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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# First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

January 28, 2024

\*For those who are able, please stand.

- **Today's Ushers:** Shane & Tricia Adams
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Bea Boak
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship.
- **Flowers:** in the Sanctuary today are In Loving Memory of Lois Sollish and Mildred "Chris" Bradshaw, given by Margaret Sollish.
- **Gospel of John Bible Study:** will now be held on Mondays at 4:30, in the Media Center.
- **Mission Committee:** Weds., Jan. 31, 12:30 in the Media Center.
- **Worship & Music:** Mon., Feb. 5, 10:00 in the Media Center.
- **Book Club:** Tues., Feb. 6, 1 p.m. in the Media Center.
- **Leader's Summit:** Elders, please join Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery on Saturday Feb 3, from 9-2 at Northminster Presbyterian Church in N. Syracuse.
- **Buckley Landing:** Peggy Suddaby and a few other Buckley Landing residents will be shopping at Walmart in Cicero on Feb. 15 at 2:45. We have a few volunteers lined up but are looking for one more to meet them at Walmart and assist the residents with their shopping and getting back to their bus. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth at the church office, 315-635-9964.



### Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Mark Chamberlin; Mimi Dundon; Carol Hovey;  
Howard Rose; Sandy Smith; Anthonia Todd

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### Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Merciful God, you have shown us time and again what it means to follow you.**

**You have modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but we don't always extend kindness to others. You guide us to challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your Spirit, but we often prefer our comfort to other's justice. You create all things good, and your creation sings out your praise, but we consider few creatures beyond ourselves and wound your earth by our indifference. Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and through your forgiveness, show us how to share your love with one another.**

One: Now that we have confessed as a body, let us take the truths that have troubled our hearts to God silently. Let us not be worried about the awkwardness of silence, as we take some time to focus on speaking with our God.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Gloria Patri #579

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

**WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *Liturgist*  
red Bible p.242, black Bible p.174

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 *Rev. Kirsty Dickson-Maret*  
red Bible p. 1394, black Bible p. 171

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:21-28 *Rev. Kirsty Dickson-Maret*  
red Bible p. 1215, black Bible p. 35

SERMON "By Whose Authority?" *Rev. Kirsty Dickson-Maret*

**WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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. Amen.**

\*HYMN (Insert) "Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"