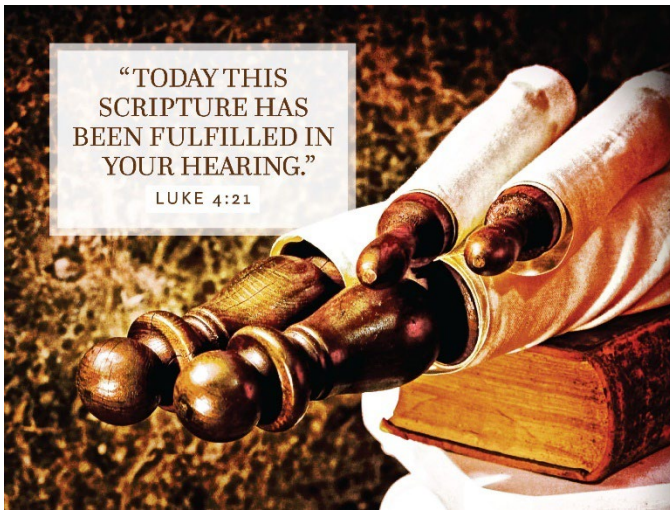


Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—January 26, 2025



"TODAY THIS
SCRIPTURE HAS
BEEN FULFILLED IN
YOUR HEARING."
LUKE 4:21

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth C. Duck

LEADER: Let us worship God in the beauty of holiness.

PEOPLE: **We worship the God of all times and places, the Holy and Compassionate One.**

LEADER: We come trusting in God's grace to receive us and make us into a community.

PEOPLE: **Holy, holy, holy, God, we worship and praise you forever.**

*HYMN

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

#96 UMH

Praise the Lord who reigns above
and keeps his court below;
praise the holy God of love
and all his greatness show;
praise him for his noble deeds,
praise him for his matchless power;
him from whom all good proceeds
let earth and heaven adore.

Celebrate th' eternal God
with harp and psaltery,
timbrels soft and cymbals loud
in this high praise agree;
praise with every tuneful string;
all the reach of heavenly art,
all the powers of music bring,
the music of the heart.

God, in whom they move and live,
let every creature sing,
glory to their Maker give,
and homage to their King.
Hallowed be thy name beneath,
as in heaven on earth adored;
praise the Lord in every breath,
let all things praise the Lord.

Author: Charles Wesley (1743)

Music: Foundery Collection (1742)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 19:7-9; 14 (NRSVUE)

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether...

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40AM

HYMN

Surely the Presence of the Lord

#328 UMH

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Words & Music: Lanny Wolfe

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PRAYER OF PEOPLE

O God, we thank you that you are the tender Shepherd of our lives and you seek to gather us together as your people. We give thanks that we can feed on your love, and that you count us among the sheep of your pasture. As you care for us, feed those who hunger for food, for life, for understanding and for justice. So many know you by the power of your Spirit.

Disturb any apathy that may reside in our hearts. Strengthen us with your courage. We seek to be new people and your presence gives us joy.

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Hear the silent prayers of our hearts
(silent prayers)

Hear us as we join saying:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying:

The peace of Christ be with you.

Respond: And also with you!

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SHARING OF GIFTS

*RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

#393 UMH

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Words & Music Daniel Iverson (1926)

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:16-21 (NRSVUE)

¹⁶ When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Word of God for the People of God.

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MESSAGE

Something Amazing When We Hear

Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

O For a Heart to Praise My God

#417 UMH

O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free,
a heart that always feels thy blood
so freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne,
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone.

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from Christ who dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed
and full of love divine,
perfect and right and pure and good,
a copy, Lord, of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart,
thy new, best name of Love.

Text: Charles Wesley (1742)

Music: Thomas Haweis (1792)

*BLESSING

Nancy Townley

May the same Spirit that anointed Jesus, anoint us anew. May the grace at work in Jesus, be active in all. May the good news declared by Jesus, be proclaimed in word and deed.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter we pray. Amen!

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

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Liturgist at 8:20 – Carol Ney

Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger

Greeters at 9:40 – Barry Dixon and Mark and Victoria Rhodus

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Mike, Lisa, Matt and Sarah Sylvester in loving memory of Michael Cleveland Sylvester.

Armstrong Bell Choir at 9:40 – directed by Chester Imhausen

Prelude

Genesis

-Payn

Offertory

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

-arr Wagner



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40am service!

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