



"There is no Holy One like the Lord; there is no Rock like our God." – 1 Samuel 2:2

Service for the Lord's Day

January 14, 2024 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Called by God, We Gather

GATHERING MUSIC, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[Please take a brief moment to greet those around you.]

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC

Prelude

"O Zion, Haste"

James Watch

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)*

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

HYMN #488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

Boyd

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you command faithful servants to give voice to the voiceless and be the champion of oppressed people everywhere. Yet when we witness injustice in the world, our cowardice and complacency allow evil to fester and grow. You have told us what is right, but we feel powerless to do as you require. Lord, have mercy. Embolden us by your Spirit. Give us courage to loudly proclaim your Word of justice and truth and shatter the yoke of silence forever.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *Gloria Patri* (#581)

To Hear God's Word of Grace

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:43-51

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM "Lord, You've Searched and Know Me" Douglas Wagner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: I Samuel 3:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Appalling Silence" Rev. George W. Chapman III

To Respond in Faith and Gratitude

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

**Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (#606)*

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Scott

Then Depart Blessed to Serve

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Acolyte: Seamus Smithwick

Ushers: Sarah Henry, Ryan Smithwick

Greeters: Mary Mercer, Andrea Smith, Sally Gunn, Carol Kauffman

Announcements

Monday, January 15

- 9:30am Coastal Garden Club
- 11:00am Discipleship Green & Calhoun
- 6:00pm Cub Scouts, BSMT
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts, FH

Tuesday, January 16

- 5:00pm AA, BSMT
- 6:00pm Bible Study, Rev. George Chapman III
"The prophet Jeremiah"

Wednesday, January 17

- 12-4pm PORCH
- 4:00pm home of Bill & Lynne Young

Thursday, January 18

- 10:00am SWBNewcomers Board
- 12-4pm PORCH
- 12-4pm Bridge Group

CPR training will be offered on Saturday, January 27 from 9-1 in the fellowship hall. This is a valuable course recommended for anyone and is especially important for those working with Children's ministries. **Reservations are needed. Please call the church office at 910-754-6929 to save your spot by January 19,** if you plan to attend so that we can have course material ready.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for **Sunday January 28**, at the conclusion of the 11:00am service, for the purposes of receiving annual reports, updating pastor's terms of call, electing a member-at-large to the Nominating Committee, and the annual meeting of the Shallotte Presbyterian Church Corporation. **Please note that there will be no 8:30am service that morning.** Sunday school will meet.

A called meeting of the session will take place **January 21 at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall for the purpose of examining incoming church officers of the class of 2026.



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Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.

