

Potsdam United Methodist Church



*2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2024*

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Celebrating the Gift of Christ's Resurrection in Potsdam United Methodist Church

Large print bulletins and listening assistive devices are available

*Please stand, whether in body or in spirit

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE *More Love to Thee* William H. Doane, arr. James Pethel

As the candles are lit, take time for quiet contemplation and prayer

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Listen! God is calling you today!

P: Lord, help us hear your voice in our hearts.

L: Place your trust in God's eternal love.

P: Lord, let us trust you in all our ways.

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate!

P: Open our hearts Lord, to hear your voice and follow you.

AMEN

*HYMN

The Summons

FWS #2130

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

All: God is calling to each of us, giving us strength and confidence
Rejoice in God's love for you this day and always. AMEN

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Lord, as we gather this day, may we hear your voice in our hearts and feel your powerful healing presence in our lives.
Give us strength and courage to truly be your disciples,
bringing peace and hope in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN

THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH SONG

CHOIR ANTHEM

... AND A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH WORD
GOD’S WORD – THE PSALMS Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 UMH #854
GOD’S WORD – THE EPISTLES 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
GOD’S WORD – THE GOSPELS John 1:43-51

L: The word of God for the people of God. P: Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE Rev. Heidi Chamberlain Come & See

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN Come With Joy UMH #617

THE PRAYER OF GOD’S PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER
(Words for the *Lord’s Prayer* can be found UMH #270)

Responding to God’s invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Chapel Aria Steven Scott

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH #94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
All: Lord God, heavenly King, we offer these our gifts as a sign of love, devotion, and praise. Through these, as through our praises, we acknowledge that you are our Lord. In your name we pray. AMEN

A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN Lord, You Give the Great Commission UMH #584

BENEDICTION
L: Today we have been called to serve God.
Let us go from this place in confidence of God’s presence with us.
Bring words and actions of healing love to all God’s people. AMEN

POSTLUDE Rise Up and Serve the Lord William Walter, arr. Patricia Lou Harris

Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
CALLED — Rev. Timothy Haut © 2009

We are called
To leave behind our solitary searching,
To put on that single garment of destiny--
The uniform of faithfulness--
Worn by creatures great and small,
Old and forgotten,
Young and eager,
Broken and bewildered,
Spirited and set on fire:
Sisters and brothers who share
not race nor tongue,
But whose hearts are claimed by love,
Signed by a cross.

Our future is together,
Arm in arm,
Finding healing as we heal,
Knowing freedom in our forgiving.
We are the strangest travelers:
Seeking no reward at trail's end.
As long as we may know the joy
Of journeying with him.

We are called
Disciples.
We are called
His.

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MEETINGS, EVENTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

- **Un-decorating and Pizza Party:** TODAY, following worship
- **NCPPC Martin Luther King Event:** January 15th, 6:30pm -tile room
- **Trustee Meeting:** January 17th, 6pm - online
- **Church Council Meeting:** January 24th, 6pm - online
- **Worship Team Meeting:** January 31st, 6pm - online

Worship Participants	
Microphone: Norm Gardner	Acolyte: Rebecca Clements
Counters 1/14: Robin Howard, Tom Ortmeyer 1/21: Carrie Livernois, Debby Nikkari	Readers 1/14: Kathy Demo 1/21: Sharon Hutchinson
Greeters/Ushers 1/14: Marie Richards 1/21: Trish Lewis & Louise Jensen	Fellowship Time Hosts 1/14: Caroline Potter & Olga Virgil 2/4: Effa Sullivan

At Potsdam UMC, all persons are welcome and celebrated regardless of: gender, culture, nationality, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic circumstance, age, physical and mental ability, marital status or family structure.

Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain

Choir Director: Warren Potter ♦ Organist: Deborah Nikkari

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