

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday after the Epiphany – January 19, 2025

Responsive Call to Worship

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens!

Your faithfulness extends to the clouds!

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains!

Your judgments are like the great deep!

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**Continue your steadfast love to those who know you. Come
let us worship God.**

Hymn 65 All people that on earth do dwell

**1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Hymn 290 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

**1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;**

thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither, and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: oh help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

God of all life and our lives, we gather in worship week by week,
seeking your refreshing presence. But we confess sometimes we
are discouraged by things happening around us. We don't expect
your presence to make a difference for us. Forgive us when we
give up on you and end up feeling unfulfilled. By your grace,
refresh us when we are weary or worried, and renew our trust in
you.

- silent confession -

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever
and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (minister)

Hymn 404 O Spirit come, our hearts inspire

1. O Spirit, come; our hearts inspire;
let us thine influence prove,
source of the old prophetic fire
and fount of life and love.

2. Come, Holy Spirit, for in thee
thy prophets wrote and spoke.

**Unlock the truth, thyself the key;
unseal the sacred book.**

**3. Expand thy wings, celestial Dove;
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.**

**4. God's very self we then shall know,
if thou within us shine,
and sound with all thy saints below
the depths of love divine.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 36:5-10 p. 486 NT & Psalms

⁵Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

**⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the ocean depths.**

You care for people and animals alike, O Lord.

⁷How precious is your unfailing love, O God!
All humanity finds shelter
in the shadow of your wings.

**⁸You feed them from the abundance of your own house,
letting them drink from your river of delights.**

⁹For you are the fountain of life,
the light by which we see.

**¹⁰Pour out your unfailing love on those who love you;
give justice to those with honest hearts.**

New Living Translation (NLT)

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Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 62:1-5 p. 608 pew Bible

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 p. 297 New Living Translation

John 2:1-11 p. 160 New Living Translation

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Gifts for everyone

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Hymn 581 Pour out your Spirit from on high

- 1. Pour out your Spirit from on high;
Lord, your assembled servants bless;
graces and gifts to each supply,
and clothe your priests with righteousness.**
- 2. All wisdom, zeal and faith impart,
and strength, with meekness from above,
to bear your people in our heart,
and love each soul with faithful love.**
- 3. To watch and pray and never faint;
by day and night strict guard to keep;
to warn and cheer both sinner, saint,
nourish your lambs and feed your sheep.**
- 4. Then, when our work is finished here,
in humble hope our charge resign:
when the good Shepherd shall appear,
in you we rest, O Love divine.**

Offering & Offertory

***Doxology 830 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**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.**

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

**Gracious God, the Spirit has blessed and continues to bless
all of us with various gifts; material as well as spiritual. We
are delighted to give back to you from the bounty you have
provided. Bless us as we give as we are able. Amen.**

Hymn 767 Lord, speak to me

- 1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.**

**2. Oh lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.**

**3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths that you impart,
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**4. Oh fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**5. Oh use me, Lord, use even me
just as you will, and when, and where,
until at last your face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

Choral Blessing

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Piano Postlude