



## Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice  
in the warmth of God's love and light by  
**teaching** the holy word,  
**servng** Christ's community, and  
**growing** together in faith.



January 28, 2024  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

# The Service for the Lord's Day

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January 28, 2024

9:30 am

Prelude

*Barcarolle*  
*Air in F Major*  
*Arioso (Cantata 156)*  
Melissa Bohl, oboe

Bruno Labate  
G. F. Handel  
J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 111)

One: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

**All: Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.**

One: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

**All: You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion. Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn

*Life Into Hope*

No. 772

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory; yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace, that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy.

**All: This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

*(Please check first with those you approach)*

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

*Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.  
After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.*

Prayer for Illumination

Anita Christman

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 111 (page 490)

Anthem

*My Song Shall Bless the Lord*

Dan Forrest

My song shall bless the Lord of all, my praise shall climb to his abode. Dear Savior, by that name I call, the great Supreme, the Mighty God. Without beginning, or decline, object of faith and not of sense, eternal ages saw him shine. He shines eternal ages hence. As much, when in the manger laid, Almighty Ruler of the sky, as when the works his hands had made filled all the morning stars with joy! My song shall bless the Lord of all.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 21-28 (page 812)

Sermon

*Set Free!*

Rev. Amy Lincoln

\*Affirmation of Faith (in unison) (from Colossians 1:15-20)

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

Anthem

*All Within Me*

Mark L. Williams

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all within me bless his holy name; bless the Lord. O bless his holy name. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; and crowneth thee with loving-kindness. Bless his holy name.

Installation of New Officers of the Women's Association

Marion Laban and Barbara Sickles	Co-moderators
Betty Doby	Secretary
Kathy Finnerty	Treasurer

Offering

*We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at [www.flemingtonpres.org](http://www.flemingtonpres.org), or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.*

Prayer of Dedication

**O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.**

\*Doxology

No. 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

No. 450

\*Charge and Benediction

Response

*Depart in Peace*

Sandra T. Ford

Depart in peace and may God's grace sustain and bless you day by day. Depart in joy and may his truth support and guide you in his way. Depart to serve and may his presence ever strengthen from above. Depart in faith and may you know the comfort of his love. Depart in peace.

Postlude

*Allegro (Sonata in G Minor)*

G. F. Handel

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