

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, serving Christ's community, and growing together in faith.



February 4, 2024
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany /Scout Sunday

The Service for the Lord's Day

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February 4, 2024 9:30 am

Prelude Benedictus Alec Rowley

Call to Worship Crystal and Alex Sliva

One: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

All: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

One: For God is gracious, healing the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.

All: God's understanding is beyond measure. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn The Church's One Foundation

No. 321

(stanzas 1,2 and 5)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Oliver Ruppel

Gracious God, it is tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: We are forgiven and now we rejoice! Amen.

*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

Anthem How Great Is Our God Bill Ingram

Joyful Ringers

Children's Message Jennifer Miller

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 Elizabeth Golebiewski

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:21—31 (page 582)

Anthem Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Sermon

Those Who Wait for the Lord

Rev. Amy Lincoln

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

(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.

Offering Dominic Sliva

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, 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, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
The Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread and Cup

It is our common practice to hold onto the elements until all have received them and then to partake of them together at the direction of the pastor.

Music During Communion

Taste and See

No. 520

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Sarah Joseph, soprano and congregation singing refrain

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, you promise to meet us where we are and to provide the soul food we need to thrive. We are grateful that in this shared meal we meet you and are nourished for our journey. Renew our faith so that as we are sent out into the world, we will help to shine your light for those seeking hope. We thank you and praise you for your loving care. Amen.

*Hymn I Come With Joy No. 515

^{*}Charge and Benediction

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may the God who loves us all, hold you in the palm of his hand

The congregational meeting follows immediately after the response.

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