

*Congregational Response

“Glory to God in the Highest” (back cover Hymnal)

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Amos 7:7-15

Anthem “What Does the Lord Require” (Routley/Bayly)

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Message “God’s Plumb Line” Rev. Laura Penney Bade

Music “My Life Is In You, Lord” (Daniel Gardner)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Offering

The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at this time.

Offertory “Now Thank We All Our God” (Schulz-Widmar)

***Doxology** 606

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.

***Hymn** “Blest Are They” 172

Benediction

Postlude “Be Not Afraid” (Bob Dufford)

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.



Music Notes: The anthem “What Does the Lord Require” is a paraphrase of Micah 6:1-8 which is one of the lectionary readings for today. Albert Bayly wrote the hymn text as one in a series of seventeen hymns that he wrote on Old Testament prophets. The hymns present the prophets in the light of the fulfillment of the Old Testament in the coming of Christ. Erick Routley, English-born minister and later Princeton professor of church music and musicology wrote the hymn tune, SHARPTHONE, named after a village of Routley’s youth.

** Please stand as you are able.*



In Our Prayers ☸

We pray for Marlene and Josh Keener and baby Wyatt - relatives of Carol Davis - for health concerns. We also pray for our Special Care friends Brad Blickenstaff and Bunny Boardman.

We give thanks for Rev. Laura Penney Bade, Chaplain at Westminster Village, for bringing God’s Word to us in worship this morning.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – January 29

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

3:00pm Youth Group (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY – February 1

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bells Practice

THURSDAY – February 2

10:00am Library Team (Fitch Parlor)

7:00pm Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

The Annual Congregation and Corporation Meeting has been postponed until next Sunday, February 5, immediately following the worship service.

To reserve a printed copy of the Annual Report please email news@centralpreschurch.org or call the Church Office (765-742-8481) by Friday, February 3, 2023. An electronic version will be available at the meeting by QR code or through our website.

Circle 20/20 Women with a Vision for Mission next meets on February 8 at 1:00pm in the Fitch Parlor where we will be learning about Hartford House Child Advocacy Center. All are welcome to join this mission minded event.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Music & Organist: Jeffrey Stearns
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Celebration Music: Paul Foster
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023



Welcome

Prelude “Eternity, Thou Thunder Word” (J.S. Bach)

Call to Worship Kristie Sherman

Leader: What does the Lord require of you,

People: but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?

***Hymn** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” 403

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words, and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God’s mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.