



I sing a song of the saints of God,



pa-tient and brave and true,

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 15, 2023

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

Prelude "For All the Saints" arranged by John Purifoy
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements
(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)

Choral Call to Worship "Jesus, Remember Me" Jacques Berthier
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Opening Sentences Elder Joyce Ange
Leader: We gather today to worship God who created us,
All: God who calls us,
Leader: God who equips us,
All: God who loves us without end.
Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.
All: With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.

*Hymn #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

*Unison Prayer of Confession
Holy God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. In him, you offer us the gift of new life and forgiveness before we have even begun to understand the depth of our sin and alienation. We confess that we have not fully accepted this gift. We have been misled by false gods and fleeting desires. We choose novelty over new life. We seek love and approval in places that have no permanence or meaning. We turn to ourselves for strength, relying on our feeble powers instead of lifting our voices to you, the giver of all good gifts. We trade in lives with purpose for convenience and pleasure, failing to remember that abundance is found in living lovingly and generously as we seek your kingdom. Help us to remember who we are and whose we are. Help us to remember that our baptism is always with us, unfolding each day with new promise. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

Today's Opening Sentences were written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good." Used with permission.

"I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying."
Nelson Mandela

"God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners."

Soren

Kierkegaard, *The Journals of Kierkegaard* (1813-1855, Danish theologian and religious writer)

"The gifts he gave . . . were to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."
Ephesians 4:11-12



*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Rejoice all people, for God has put a new song in our mouths and has set our feet upon a rock, making our steps secure.

All: We trust in God, for God's love is enduring and breaks through boundaries and realms in order to bring each of us home.

Leader: Know this: God's love seeks us and offers us forgiveness this day and every day.

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, from age to age you have blessed your people with wisdom. We come seeking learning and insight from your scriptures. Let your Spirit guide and inspire us so we might hear and see you in your Word we read and hear this day. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 31:19-24

Elder Joyce Ange

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Sermon

"Called to Be Saints"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future." St. Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430 A.D.), bishop of Hippo in North Africa

Offertory Anthem **"On Eagle's Wings"** Michael Joncas
*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"
The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.
You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.
For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
*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. Amen.*

*The Affirmation of Faith: *From "A Declaration of Faith" of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

**We confess we are heirs of God's whole story.
We are charged to remember our past,
to be warned and encouraged by it,
but not to live it again.
Now is the time of our testing
as God's story with the church moves forward through us.
We are called to live now as God's servants
in the service of people everywhere.
God sends the church into the world.
God has not taken his people out of the world,
but has sent them into the world
to worship him there and serve all humankind.
We worship God in the world
by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people.
Our cries for help and our songs of praise
are never for ourselves alone.
Worship is no retreat from the world;
it is part of our mission.**

*Hymn #326 **"For All the Saints"** SINE NOMINE

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction **"Amen"** Christopher Pardini
Amen, Amen, Amen.

*Postlude **All who are able may stand.*



"From somber, serious, sullen saints, save us O Lord." Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515 – 1542 A.D.), Spanish Carmelite nun and religious reformer

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 15 Monday, January 16 Tuesday, January 17 Wednesday, January 18	9:30 am Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & via Zoom 10:00 am Sunday School Classes 11:00 am Worship, livestream & in person 7:00 pm Bible Study, via Zoom 7:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304 10:00 am Bible Study, via Zoom and in person, Room 304 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Practice
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NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Please join** the minister for our weekly Bible Study on Monday night, January 16 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom or Wednesday morning, January 18 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 and via Zoom. This week we will read and talk about Matthew 4: 12-25. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.

***The session** will meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.

NOTE: As the choir sings the anthem today, please hold our choir member, Bryant Henderson in your hearts. We know that God is holding Bryant in the palm of His hand.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Rita Brinkley and children in honor of Joey's 60th Birthday. Happy Birthday Joey!



**FEED OUR HUNGRY
CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY
OFFERING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**



**5TH Sunday Building Offering
January 29, 2023**

We will receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, January 29. This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support!



**Today
January 15**



01/15:
Kristin &
Bradley Cottle



Fred
Burroughs
Bill Walters
Susan Walters

**Opening
Church
Building**
January 1-15
Charley Farris

**Children's
Church**
01/15/23
Kelli Norris