*Benediction

Postlude

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Good Shepherd Presbyterían Church

January 21, 2024

Sunday Order of Worship 11:00 AM January 21, 2024 Worship Service 11:00 am

* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek You, wisdom to perceive You, and patience to wait for You. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on You, eyes to behold You, ears to listen for Your Word, a heart to love You, and a life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors**: Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. **For hearing or sight impaired worshipers**: Sound Enhancement Receivers and Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers.

Minute for Mission Per Capita Cindy Hurst

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude Victor Holton

Call to Worship

O God, our Creator, You seek men and women, boys and girls, who will worship You in spirit and in truth; and so we ask You to inspire and bless the worship week by week in this church, in words and music, prayers and hymns, psalms and lessons. Open the hearts and lips of those who worship You today all over the world, that all of us may listen with an alert conscience to the preaching of Your Word and celebration of our faith through ordination. We ask this in the name of Him through whom alone our worship is acceptable to You: our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise We Gather Together No. 336

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

Leader: God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with You and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only You and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as You have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

People: Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with You and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Grace

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be revered. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem. It is He who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. —Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8, NRSV

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 62:5-12 Pew Bible page 409

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson Mark 1:14-20 Pew Bible page 707

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Sermon Where Is Your Focus? Dr. Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of the Day Come Ye Thankful People Come No. 367

Ordination and Installation of Barbara Etheridge

Prayers of the People Ashleigh Jenkins

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn of Commissioning What a Fellowship No. 837