

*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**

We've Come This Far By Faith

No. 656

***Benediction**

Postlude

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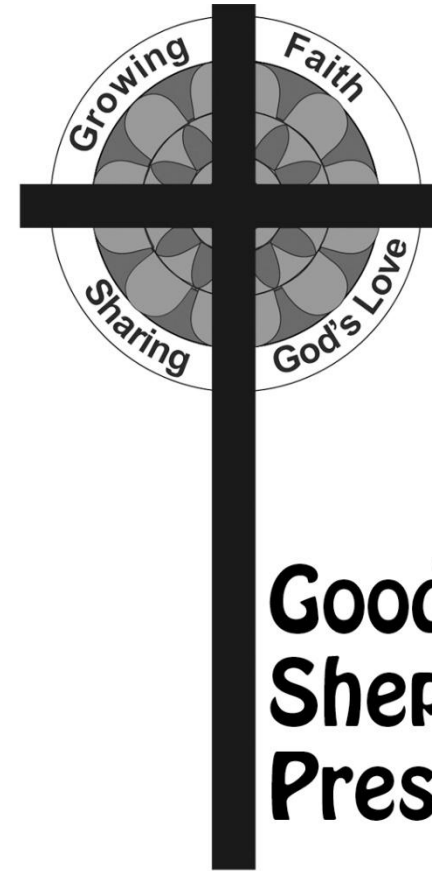
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**Good
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February 23, 2025

Sunday Order of Worship

11:00 am

**We are a community of believers, sharing God's love, in worship
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

The marks of this life are:

Pray daily;

Worship weekly;

Enjoy spiritual friendships;

Read and study the Scriptures;

Engage in service in and beyond the church;

Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and

Practice generosity with one's time, talent, and money.

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

Prayer of Preparation

Forgiving God, too often we take Your forgiveness for granted. Too often we cling to our sin, believing that it is our right to harbor resentments and hatred. Be merciful to us and show us the depth of healing that is offered when You forgive, for the sake of the One who recognized total surrender to forgiveness and offered it willingly, Jesus Christ our healer. 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.

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*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Victor Holton

Call to Worship

People of God, worship the living God today! Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth. Remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of His right hand. Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes. Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!

*Hymn of Praise

My Hope is Built

No. 353

*Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

Leader: Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to You and to one another that time after time we have entered Your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to Your grace. We have lifted our hands to You in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed Your commandments but have refused to see Your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that You forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice.

People: Grant us the healing that comes from Your presence and the cleansing of Your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Grace

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him. For He knows how we were made; He remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. —Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18, NRSV

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 103:3-6

Pew Bible page 428

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 7:36-50

Pew Bible page 731

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon

The Power of Grace

Rev. Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

Just As I Am

No. 442

*Affirmation of Faith

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

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Diane Van Valkenburg

Our Father, who is 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, for ever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory