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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Ps.148) Elder Donna Crafton

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens.

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Alleluia! Let us praise the name of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN

Here In This Place (Gather Us In)

No. 401

Here in this place
the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness
vanished away;
See in this space our fears
and our dreamings
brought here to you
in the light of this day.
Gather us in,
the lost and forsaken;
gather us in,
the blind and the lame;
Call to us now,
and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound
of our name.

Here we will take the wine
and the water;
here we will take the bread
of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons
and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt
for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine
of compassion;
give us to eat the bread
that is you;
Nourish us well,
and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy
and hearts that are true.

We are the young;
our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn
for your face.
We have been sung
throughout all of history,
called to be light
to the whole human race.
Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty;
gather us in,
the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart,
so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage
to enter the song.

Not in the dark
of buildings confining,
not in some heaven,
light years away:
Here in this place
the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom,
and now is the day.
Gather us in
and hold us forever;
gather us in
and make us your own;
Gather us in,
all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh
and our bone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder, you surround us with evidence of your wisdom,
imagination and generosity,

yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.

You gather us as Christ's community, but we

neglect the rich opportunities to share in relationship.

Forgive our lack of curiosity and our reluctance to live our faith together.

Lead us into conversations with you and each other,

that we may grow our understanding and our joy and our ministry; through Jesus Christ
our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52 (CEB)

*SERMON

"Seeking Together"

Rev. Cindy Carlisle

*HYMN

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

No. 174

Come and seek the ways

of Wisdom,

she who danced when earth

was new.

Follow closely what she teaches,

for her words are right and true.

Wisdom clears the path to justice,

showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,

crying in the marketplace.

Hear the Word made flesh

among us,

full of glory, truth, and grace.

When the word takes root

and ripens,

peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;

nurture all who seek rebirth.

Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.

Free us to become your people,

holy friends of God and earth.

"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

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**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**

TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

Doxology

No. 606

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.

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Doxology) TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 CCLI License No. 11195013

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(the Great Prayer continues ending 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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(JOIN IN COMMUNION SONG AS YOU ARE ABLE)

COMMUNION SONG

Feed Us Lord

No. 501

Feed us, Lord.
Feed us, Lord.
In the broken bread,
be revealed again.
Come and feed our hearts,
O Lord.

Fill us, Lord.
Fill us, Lord,
with the bread and wine
of the risen Christ.
Come and fill our hearts,
O Lord.

Quench us, Lord.
Quench us, Lord.
On this thirsty ground,
may your love flow down.
Come and quench our hearts,
O Lord.

Lead us, Lord.
Lead us, Lord,
nourished here by Christ,
given strength for life.
Come and lead our hearts,
O Lord.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

Arise, Your Light is Come!

No. 744

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*PEACE OF CHRIST

Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching - Rev. Cindy Carlisle

Liturgist – Elder Donna Crafton

Pianist—Patricia Provencio

Choir Director—Brittney Williams

Technology - Bob Jones, JT Thomas, Diane Thomas & Jim Collins

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JANUARY 3-9

Events + Celebrations

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PFH Board Meeting, 5:30PM BIRTHDAY Jane Sturgis Hope Griffin	Zoom Bible Study, 2:00PM BIRTHDAY Frieda Voeks	Quilter's. 6:00PM BIRTHDAY Kelly Hernandez	Sunday Worship 10:00AM Meeting After Worship: Hospitality Team Mission

There will be a congregational meeting after worship on January 30, 2022. Please make plans to attend

Prayers + Concerns

Bob Hedicke

Nancy Pries

Need to add or remove someone from the Prayers/Concerns list?

Give us a call at (915) 755-8206 or email us at office@epgrace.com

*We are imperfect followers of Jesus Christ,
continually being transformed by God's love and forgiveness.
We are building a vibrant, welcoming community that expresses that love in word
and in action. Together we will nurture, be nurtured, and bring help
and hope to the world.*

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