

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship, Prayer of Adoration and Approach & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)

Moment of Reflection

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 9: 8-17 NIV

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." ¹⁷So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 25: 1-10 NIV

¹In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

²I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

⁴Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

⁹He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

¹⁰All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

N.T. Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 3: 18-22 NIV

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people,

eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

N.T. Gospel Lesson Mark 1: 9-15 NIV

⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Lent Litany – First Week of Lent

L: Lent is a journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem, toward the cross, toward resurrection and new life. We will be transformed and blessed on this journey.

P: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.

L: We undertake the journey knowing we will not remain the same.

P: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.

L: The journey will take time. We will feel the strain in our bodies and in our souls, yet love will urge us onward.

P: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.

L: Let us start the journey with prayer:

All: God of all times and places, as we begin the pilgrimage from life to death to new life, you will surprise us and nurture us. We put our trust in you, knowing you will guide and provide for us. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Moment of Reflection

Sermon **The Kingdom of God**

Solo I'd Rather Have Jesus **David Butler**
by Rhea Miller and George Beverly Shea

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction & Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to the Service of worship.

The readers today are Ben Furey and Todd Gouthro.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

The Session has been providing the ushers and register people for the time we have been gathering for services since September and are wondering if there may be other people in the congregation who would like to help with these responsibilities. If you would be

willing to serve in these responsibilities, we would ask you to speak to Charles Greaves, David Sneddon or the minister,

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Joan Jessome from Lynn & Harold Gillespie

To the Current Fund

- In memory of sister-in-law Joan Jessome by Gordon Gillespie and family

Mission Moment – Certainty in the Midst of Change

We live in a world that is constantly changing. The past year brought unprecedented change, and we had to learn to adapt in our lives, jobs and congregations. In the midst of so much change, Presbyterians Sharing has continued to support the mission and ministry we do together—often in new and adaptive ways. What hasn't changed is our commitment to one another, discerning together, moving forward together, being in community together, sharing God's message together, confronting injustice together and caring for vulnerable people together. That's what Presbyterians Sharing is all about. As we put our gifts into God's hands, God is doing remarkable things.

Daily Prayer List

(Heritage Sunday) We give thanks to God for our ancestors, and pray that we might remember and appreciate the gifts they have passed down to us.

Monday, February 22 We pray for new ministers who may feel overwhelmed and alone in their first pastoral charge.

Tuesday, February 23 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Essex-Kent in Ont.

Wednesday, February 24 (Black History Month) We celebrate and give thanks for the contributions and prophetic witness of Black people in Canada.

Thursday, February 25 We pray for the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca's Ministry Committee. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence to strengthen, focus and lead their discernment.

Friday, February 26 Eternal God, in the worry and anxiety of life, we pray for assurance that comes by faith alone: "Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you" (Psalm 116:7).

Saturday, February 27 We remember in prayer the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015–2024) and give thanks for those working to promote and protect the rights of people of African descent.