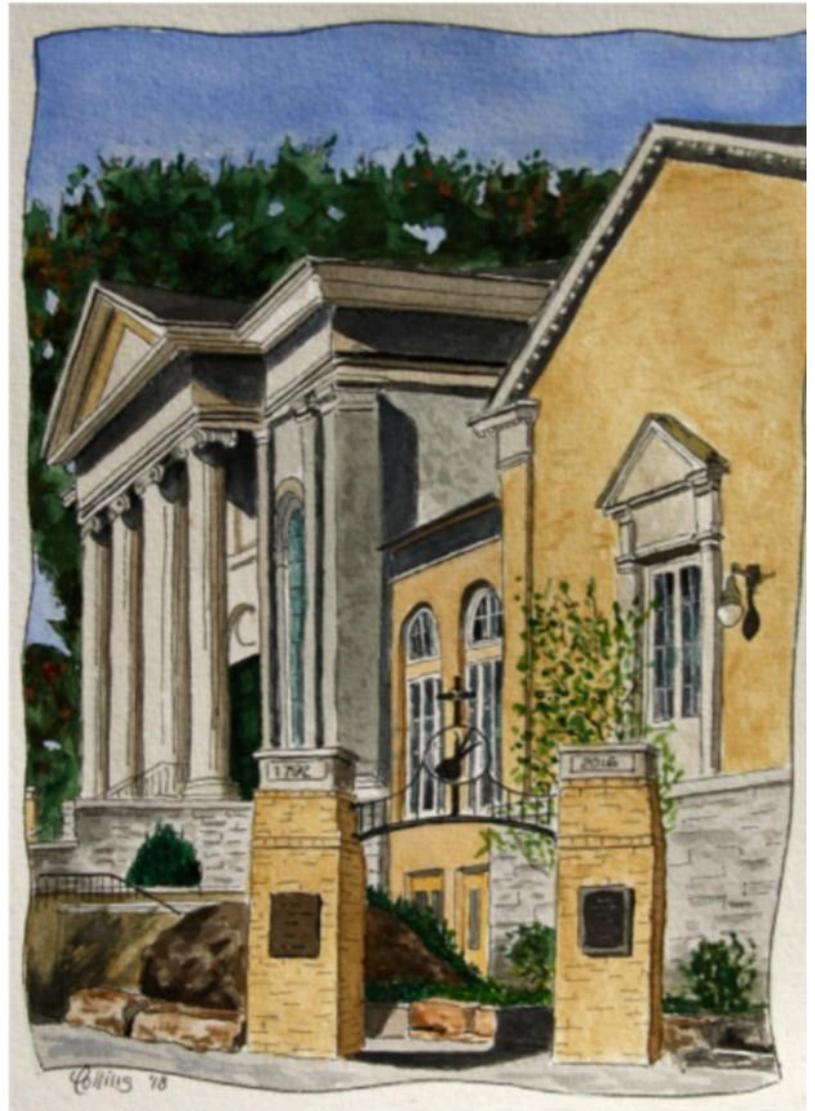




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The Rev. Mark R. Curtis, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Meredith Loftis, Associate Pastor

Mr. Mark Pace, Organist/Choirmaster

Mr. Alex McGavic, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator

Anne Eddins, Crucifer

Katherine Buchanan, Bible Bearer

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**  
**JANUARY 23, 2022**  
✦ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✦

**PRELUDE**

*Chorale Prelude*

Malcolm Archer

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

**People: yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and God's words to the end of the world.**

**All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

**† OPENING HYMN 645**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Mit Freuden Zart

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love,  
The God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
And every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!

2. What God's almighty power has made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
Lo! all is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!

3. The Lord is never far away,  
But, through all grief distressing,  
An ever-present help and stay,  
Our peace and joy and blessing,  
As with a mother's tender hand  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

4. Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
That all may hear the grateful song  
My voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
Both soul and body, take your part:  
To God all praise and glory!

**† PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and  
walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name... *(a moment for silent confession)*

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### † MUSICAL RESPONSE 583

*Glory to God*

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### † MUSICAL RESPONSE 587

*Alleluia!*

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## ✠ THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD ✠

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (*see insert*)

John Whaley

### ANTHEM

*The Eyes of All*

Michael Larkin

*The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.*

## SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:14-30 (*see insert*)

### SERMON

“Without Honor”

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## ✠ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

### † HYMN OF RESPONSE 459

*O Word of God Incarnate*

Munich

1. O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise you for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age.
2. The church from you, dear Savior,  
Received this gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted  
On all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
That, all life's voyage through,  
Amid the rocks and quicksands  
Still guides, O Christ, to you.
3. O make your church, dear Savior,  
A lamp of purest gold  
To bear before the nations  
Your true light, as of old;  
O teach your wandering pilgrims  
By this our path to trace,  
Till, clouds and storms thus ended,  
We see you face to face.

## RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the offering plates on the side aisles or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at [www.fpcknox.org/donate](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate).

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O Light of Life* (see insert)  
Chrissy Mayer, Soprano

Mack Wilberg

† DOXOLOGY 606

*Old Hundredth*

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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

There are varieties of gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit  
to be used for the common good.  
Together we are the body of Christ,  
and individually members of it.**

Statement on Ordination & Installation

Presentation of Candidates

Constitutional Questions (*see insert*)

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

*Ginny Morrow*, Clerk of Session

Unison Prayer

**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon these servants whom you called through baptism and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them courage to show the compassion of Christ in their actions. Give them the gifts of your Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen our life together, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith, and for the work of ministry, give them gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence; for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. Amen.**

† SENDING HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Slane*

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Carillon*

Malcolm Archer

† - *Please stand if you are able.*

## WORSHIP FOR JANUARY 23, 2022

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

John Whaley

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

<sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:14-30

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O Light of Life*

Mack Wilberg

Chrissy Mayer, Soprano

*O Light of Life! O pure Light Divine! Thou art in us; Our ember is Thine. Kindle our faith, Give hope when we fear, Deepen our love--thy fire appear! Light of our souls, Thou spark at our birth--Grow bright in us, Shine in all the earth!*

*O Light of Life! O true Light of Peace!*

*Storms will arise, Let Thy light increase. Pierce through dark clouds, Give pause to the proud, Let Thy shafts fall, Lift humble heads bowed. Answer our pleas, Melt hearts in Thy flame. Make us as one--As one in Thy name. O Light of Life! O sweet Light of Grace! Thou bids us come, We follow apace. See the bright Tree! Behold the white fruit! Feasting we weep, We witness the root! O Light of Life! O dear Light of Love! Come, wash us clean,*

*Send forth Thy white Dove! Fill us with Fire, Enlighten our eyes; Help us to love--'Tis price of the prize. Then let us come, Enrobe us in white. Cleaving to Thee, Light unto Thy Light.*

*Light unto Light, O Light of Life! Amen.*

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO OFFICERS

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- (For deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
- (For elder) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

## QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

- Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
- Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

## OFFICERS ELECT

### Elders

Gary Anderson

Sarah Cassell

Rachel Patton McCord

Dennis Ragsdale

Michael "Mike" Reynolds

Jack Riordan

Vanessa Smith

### Deacons

Jim Brown

Becky Candino

Suzann Emery

James "Jim" Given

Linda Germany Kramer

Travis Maryanski

JP Pennoyer

### Deacons

Terri Ramsay

Katrin Smith

Preston Smith

Celeste Whaley

Jennifer Wilcox