

Sunday, January 19, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING SONG

*Come, Christians Join to Sing*  
(vs. 1 & 2)

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1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

WELCOME

Reverend Andy Blair

*The Lord be with you*

**and also with you!**

*This is the day the Lord has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Welcome to worship of God Almighty at Covenant Presbyterian Church, College Station...*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP ( Psalm 36:7)

*How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!*

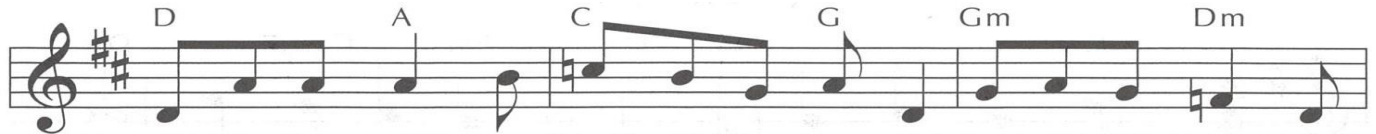
**The people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**



\*HYMN

Here In This Place

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Molly Blaisdell, Liturgist

**Loving God, help us to hear and obey your Word to us. Pour out your gifts on us. Give us unity of purpose as we seek to share your good news. In your great mercy, hear our prayers, O God. For our sins as a nation, we repent. For our sins as your Church, we confess. For all the personal wrongs we have done, we repent. For all the good we leave undone, we confess. Wash us clean, renew our faith, send us again to be *your* Church, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*~ In this time of silence, you are invited to confess your personal sin to God ~*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*When we repent, we are forgiven.*

**Believe the Good News!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father*

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**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Christ is coming so God's salvation may be full for all of God's people. Seeking to participate in preparing the way for Christ's presence, how will we live?*

**We will love God with all that we are: heart, soul, mind, and strength;  
and we will love our neighbors as ourselves.**


*The Peace of Christ be with you!*

**And also with you!**


*~ please share the Peace of our Savior with Christ's disciples around you ~*

*Children are invited to the chancel steps for our Time with Young Disciples.*





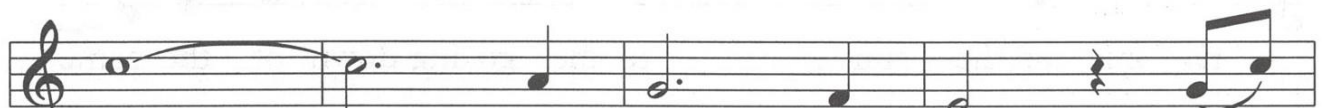
O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your



name in all the earth. O Lord, our Lord, how ma -



jes - tic is your name in all the earth. O




Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ we praise your name. O



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ we mag - ni - fy your name: Prince of



Peace, might - y God; O Lord God Al -



might - y. \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Repeat ending</i>	<i>Song ending</i>
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*Children's Amen Song (twice through)*  
**Amen, Amen, In Jesus' name we pray.**  
**Amen, Amen, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

*~ Children are invited to return to their families ~  
Nursery care is available for younger children ages infant to 3.  
Children's Chapel available for children ages 4 – Third Grade*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Winter from Four Seasons*  
Mike Rose, classical guitar

Antonio Vivaldi

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Isaiah 62: 1-5*

*John 2: 1-11*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Hope and Joy?*

Reverend Andy Blair



**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)**

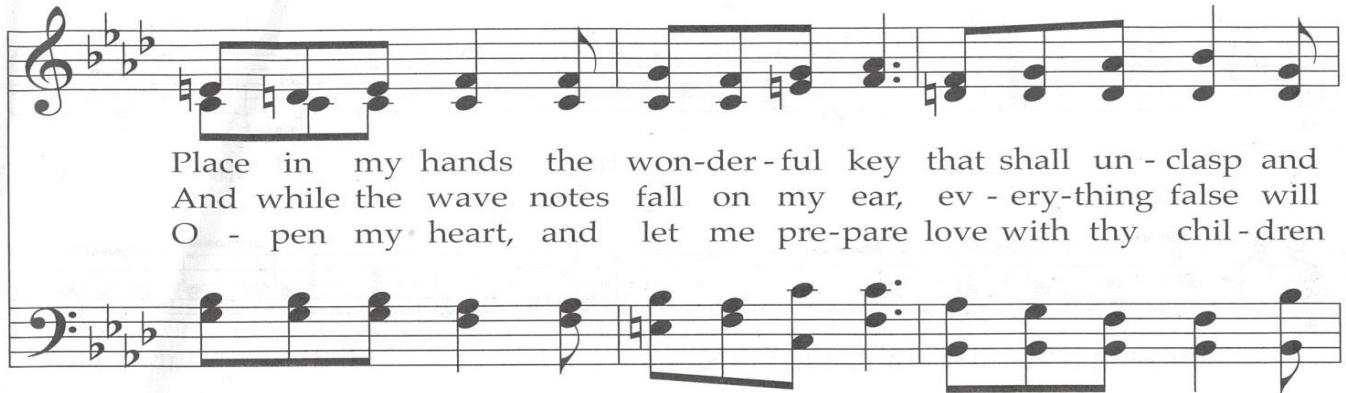
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; 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.**



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der - ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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**

## ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS CLASS OF 2027

Andrea Garrett, Laurie McCaskey Matheny, Whitney Whitener

## CALL TO GENEROSITY

You are encouraged to support this ministry and mission, and others through Covenant Presbyterian Church by generously giving of your financial resources, your time, and abilities.

Financial ways to give:

1. Give online through our church website: [covenantpresbyterian.org/give](http://covenantpresbyterian.org/give)
2. Set up an auto draft through your bank
3. Place your physical offering in the white church on the back tables.

Get involved by emailing our church office: [office@covenantpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@covenantpresbyterian.org)

## \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him/God all creatures here below;  
Praise Him/God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Go to the World!*

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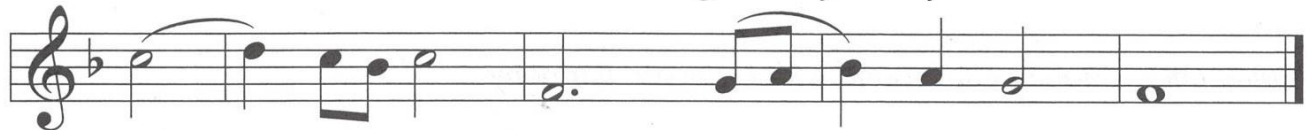
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985  
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
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SINE NOMINE  
10.10.10 with alleluias

POSTLUDE



*The flowers are given by Melissa Rose in honor of my mom's birthday.*

Join us next Sunday, January 26, 2025, at 10:30a.m. for worship – Our minister will be Reverend Andy Blair and Ann Hardy will be the liturgist.

Access the bulletin with your Smartphone on our website under “Worship Resources.”  
[www.covenantpresbyterian.org](http://www.covenantpresbyterian.org)

*As always, the complete bulletin, including song lyrics, is projected onto the screen.*

**VISITORS:** *We are so happy you joined us today! You are always welcome here! Please sign our Friendship Pad at the end of each row so we may acknowledge your visit with us.*

Covenant also has a YouTube Channel! The link: **Subscribe! Watch us live or**



**later!!** [http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPnIE3o\\_HCJ\\_UjhOqoYpFZg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPnIE3o_HCJ_UjhOqoYpFZg)



Please be aware that this is a living calendar and is fluid. Check the website calendar for the latest updates which have been provided to the church office. The website calendar syncs with the Church Office Calendar every 30 minutes.

This Coming Week @ Covenant <i>(as of Thursday, 1.16.2025 at 5:00 p.m.)</i>						
Sun., 1.19.2025	Mon., 1.20.2025	Tues., 1.21.2025	Wed., 1.22.2025	Thurs., 1.23.2025	Fri., 1.24.2025*	Sat., 1.25.2025
9:15-10:10am 101A Uno Mas, Adult SS	Office is closed MKL Day	9:30 DS & CC Chapel				
10:30-11:45am Worship						
12-1pm 101B, Choir Rehearsal						2-4p, Boy Scouts Court of Honor Sanctuary
1:30-3:30pm, SH GS 9023	1-5p, FLL Lego Team Mtg. Zoom Competition					
		7p, Session Mtg	4-6:30p, Disciple Bible Study			
4-6pm, SH BSA 1102 (Girls)	7pm, BSA 102, SH					
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<b>Please call the church office w/questions 979-694-7700.</b>						
*Church Office is Closed on Fridays						

**January 20<sup>th</sup> the church office is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**

**January 21<sup>st</sup> Session Meeting at 7:00p.m**

**We are in need of Nursery Staff: Please see Ken Schroeder if you are interested!!!**



*A community of faith that reaches out,  
proclaims the love of Jesus Christ,  
welcomes everyone, and cares for one another.*

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