



**Community of Faith  
Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, February 18, 2024**

Regular type, leader reads; **Bold type, all read**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Centering Music**

**+Call to Worship**

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**P: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; and teach me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me

**P: For you are the God of my salvation.**

**+Hymn**    *Come Thou Fount #475*

**Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession**

*Please join in the prayer of confession.*

**God who is faithful and just, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Empower us to serve you fully, to share the resources we have with those who have less, to weep with those who weep, and to laugh with those who laugh. Help us to be good stewards over the earth you have placed in our care; help us to unite in love and concern for one another, our local community, and with brothers and sisters in all the world. (Moment of silent prayer.)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

L: Be at peace. **Amen.**

**Response of Praise**    *Guide My Feet (verses 1 & 5) #741*

*1 Guide my feet while I run this race;  
guide my feet while I run this race;  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*5 Search my heart while I run this race;  
search my heart while I run this race;  
search my heart while I run this race,*

*for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

### **Passing of the Peace**

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us share the sign of the peace with one another.

## **Hearing the Word**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

L: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

### **Scripture Reading** 1 Peter 3:18-22

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### **Anthem**

### **Scripture Reading** Mark 1:9-15

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

**Sermon** Rev. Trent Holden

## **Responding to the Word**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**All: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. Amen.**

### **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; in the way of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

### **Joys and Concerns**

### **Taking the Word into the World**

**+Song**    *What a Fellowship #837*

**+Charge and Benediction**

***Toll free conference call number (605) 313-5521, access code 1204749#***

***(Cell phone charges may apply)***

***Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live***

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## Scriptures for

### Sunday, Feb. 25

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

Psalms 22:23–31

Romans 4:13–25

Mark 8:31–38

## In Our Thoughts

### & Prayers

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