



**Community of Faith  
Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, February 25, 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**    *Blest Are They #172*

**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**    *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (verses 1 & 4) #240*

**Installation of Officers**

**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 Romans 4:13-25

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." 23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### Anthem

### Scripture Reading Mark 8: 31-38

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them

the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**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.**

### **Communion**

### **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**    *Lead On, O King Eternal #269*

**+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***

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

## Contact

Pulpit Supply Pastor:  
Rev. Trent Holden  
peanutbutterparson@gmail.  
com

Choir Director:  
Jie Fang Goh

Admin Assistant:  
Stephanie Class

P.O. Box 121038  
Covington, KY 41012  
Office: 859-331-3238  
communityoffaith@fuse.net  
www.cofnky.org

## Scriptures for Sunday, March 2

Exodus 20:1–17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18–25  
John 2:13–22

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy  
Ella Grace Marksberry  
Emille Walden  
Jean Jennings' Family  
Jo Shade  
Johanna Willis  
Kelly Montana  
Kleier Family  
Lynda Jaeger  
McDermott Family  
Ron Carlin  
Ruth Roeber

## Supporting the Work of the Presbytery & the Denomination with Per Capita

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of us, as members of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate, and share in the work of the wider church. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Presbytery, as well as the Synod and General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, teaching elders and deacons, and ministers. It is how Presbyterians are helped to discern God's call in their lives. It has supported our ministries at COF through grants to CLASP and for equipment purchases for our virtual church services. Please prayerfully consider (if you have not yet done so this year) donating the \$34 per capital apportionment set by the Presbytery, for each church member.

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

During the Lenten Season, the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special PCUSA offering will be collected until Easter Sunday, March 31.

*In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression  
Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water,  
sanitation, education, and opportunity.*

*The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.*

- PCUSA Website: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>