



**Community of Faith  
Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, February 4, 2024**

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

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Centering Music**

**+Call to Worship**

L: This is the Lord's day and we are his people.

**P: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.**

L: Let us lift up our hearts with gladness.

**P: Let us sing praises to his name forever and ever.**

**+Hymn**    *I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32*

**Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession**

*Please join in the prayer of confession.*

**We confess to you Lord we are not the persons we would like others to think we are. We are not even the persons we would like to be. Only in security of your love can we admit our secrets and desires. Hear them now Lord and forgive us our failures. Give us new life found in our faithful savior Jesus and reshape us in his image. (Moment of silent prayer)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: For by grace we have been saved.

**P: This is not our doing, it is the gift of God in Jesus Christ.**

L: Now we have peace with God and one another. **Amen.**

**Response of Praise**    *My Hope is Built on Nothing Else #353*

**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 Psalm 103:1-14

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The LORD works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.

### Anthem

### Scripture Reading Mark 1:21-28

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with

an unclean spirit, 24 and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." 28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**Sermon**    Rev. Robert Wood

## **Responding to the Word**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**All: We know who Jesus is, the Holy One of God. He has brought us life and forgiveness in the work he accomplished on Earth. As he commanded unclean spirits and they obeyed him, we too would obey the message he gave us — that we are to love God fully and our neighbor as ourselves. 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**    *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #526*

### **+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. 11

2 Kings 2:1–12  
Psalm 50:1–6  
2 Corinthians 4:3–6  
Mark 9:2–9

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy  
Ella Grace Marksberry  
Emille Walden  
Jean Jennings' Family  
Jo Shade  
Johanna Willis  
Kelly Montana  
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Lynda Jaeger  
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## Ash Wednesday

Join us for a joint-service with Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church at 6:30 pm on February 14.