

JANUARY 21, 2024

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY

MISSION STATEMENT

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to glorify and enjoy God. We live knowing that God calls us to be a place of love, support, hope and acceptance regardless of earthly labels. Jesus Christ commissions us to make disciples and passionately share our gifts with the world through prayer, teaching, and service. The Holy Spirit allows us to determine and carry out Christ's will for our lives and the life of our church and empowers us to seek out and respond to the needs of our local and global community.



Covenant is proud to be an **Earth Care Congregation**, a **More Light Church** – supporting the LGBTQ+ community, and a **PC(USA) Matthew 25 Church** – committed to dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality.

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*(As you participate in worship today, you're invited to rise in body or spirit at * and read aloud the **bolded** responses together with the congregation.)*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

GREETING

One: From God alone comes my salvation;

All: Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 62

One: How long will I be besieged,
as though I were a crumbling wall or an unstable fence?
My enemies connive to push me over a cliff with their deceit and lies.

**All: In God alone my soul finds rest, for my deliverance comes from God,
who is my rock, my salvation, my strong fortress: I will not be shaken.**

One: My refuge is in the Lord. Trust in God always, my people;
pour out your hearts before the Lord.

**All: The Lord is mighty to save; God's love is steadfast and unceasing.
Let us praise the Lord, whose heart is justice and peace.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 410

"God Is Calling through the Whisper"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn away from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy and grace to others; through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:
in Christ we are forgiven and given new life.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

