

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**January 19, 2025**  
**Second Sunday After the Epiphany**



**Gathering As a People of God**

**Preparation:** “When I hear people say they have no religious impulse whatsoever ... I always want to respond: Really? You have never felt overwhelmed by, and in some way inadequate to, an experience in your life, have never felt something in yourself staking a claim beyond yourself, some wordless mystery straining through word to reach you? Never? ... Religion is not made of these moments; religion is the means of making these moments part of your life rather than merely radical intrusions so foreign and perhaps even fearsome that you can’t even acknowledge their existence afterward.” – Christian Wiman from *My Bright Abyss*, 2014

**Invitation to Our Shared Ministry**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Prelude**

*Air in D Major*

Henry Purcell

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

**Lighting the Candle**

**Choral Introit**

*In Thee is the Fountain of Life*

PCO Chancel Choir

Westin Sorrel, director

**\* Call to Worship** (Adapted from Psalm 36)

Angie Boldrey, Liturgist

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!**

One: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

**All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!**

One: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!**

One: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

**All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!**

**\* Hymn #156**

*Sing of God Made Manifest*, vs. 1-4

[Salzburg]

### **Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We come before God with the knowledge that we are both beloved children of God and those who too often fall short of God's intentions for us and our world. With confidence in the gift of grace we have received from Jesus Christ, we confess:

**All: Merciful God, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known. Help us to be witnesses to your good news and to proclaim your extravagant love. We also confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life.** *Silent prayer.* We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: In Jesus Christ God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. People of God, rejoice! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: As the Lord has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.**

One: As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.** *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

\* Act of Praise #581

*Gloria Patri*

## **The Word**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Angie Boldrey, liturgist

Loving God, by the breath of your Spirit inspire us. In the hearing of your Word we may be filled with new understanding. May that understanding give us encouragement and desire to serve you in all we do. Amen.

### **Children's Message**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 62:1-5

Angie Boldrey, liturgist

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Scripture**

John 2:1-11

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Who is Jesus? One Who Performs Signs*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

\* **Affirmation of Faith** (adopted from the Nicene Creed, PC(USA) Book of Confessions, 1.2)

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith sharing together in a portion of the Nicene Creed.

**All: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**Anthem**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. John Rutter

PCO Chancel Choir

Westin Sorrel, director

Be thou my vision O lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word. Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; Be thou my sou's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: Be thou mine inheritance now and always. Be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after the vict'ry is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

### **Responding to the Word**

**Minute for Engagement**

All Ages Game Day & Pizza Lunch

Jerri Gillett

**Offering**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

*Interlude*

Maurice Greene

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

Angie Boldrey, liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

in unison

**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.**

**Sent Out As a People of God**

\* Hymn #459

*O Word of God Incarnate*, vs. 1-3

[Munich]

\* **Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune in D Major*

Henry Purcell

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

\* *Please rise in body or spirit*

The Prayer of Confession and Promise of the Gospel are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1*, Westminster John Knox Press; 2012.

**Ushers:** Brett & Lynette Cone, Deb & Joel Major

**This Morning's Fellowship Team:** It is Birthday Cake Sunday! Celebrate our January birthdays with a piece of cake in Fellowship Hall after the service. Thank you to Parish Life for supplying the cake, to Edward Ennen for making the coffee and to Dave Rumminger for washing the dishes.

**Education Hour:**

Children through 4th grade: (Room 116)

Middle School Youth 5th-8th grade: Middle School Room (107)

Adult & High School Youth: Intergenerational Bible Study (Board Room)

Adult Education: Signs that Jesus is God's Son (Room 108)

**Next Week: January 26, 2025**

**Scripture:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 & Luke 4:14-21

**Education Hour:**

Children through 4th grade: (Room 116)

Middle School Youth 5th-8th grade: Middle School Room (107)

Adult & High School Youth: Annual Meeting of the Congregation following worship

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