

# GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Katelyn McWhorter

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord in worship!**

# ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

*Adagio (Organ Sonata No.1)*

Mendelssohn

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation

Jason Reese

†Call to Worship

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Happy are those who find delight in God's law.

**God is always nearer than our next breath.**

**We gather to become more aware of that presence.**

Knowledge of God is a delight to the righteous.

They seek to grow in wisdom and understanding.

**There is always more to discover than we know.**

**God is our teacher and helper and judge.**

Put your trust in God as you prepare to serve.

Learn to be peaceable, gentle, and merciful.

**We seek to do good and not harm always.**

**We open our hands to the poor and needy.<sup>1</sup>**

†Hymn

*Draw Near to God*

FOREST GREEN

*Draw near to God, and find delight in wisdom God reveals.*

*Seek gentleness and righteousness and purity that heals.*

*Be peaceable and merciful; may true humility*

*And kindness mark our words and deeds with strength and dignity.*

*We seek to turn from selfishness and partiality,*

*From bitter envy and disputes that mar integrity.*

*May jealous cravings be subdued, disorder overcome,*

*And wickedness of every kind be seen as burdensome.*

*Then may we find true happiness, O God, in serving you,*

*With open hands to help the poor, true justice to pursue.*

*We ask to grow in childlike trust that sees the good in all,*

*And welcomes them in Jesus' name, whatever may befall.<sup>2</sup>*

†Passing of the Peace

Molly Shoulta

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;**

**for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

Words of Assurance

# PROCLAIMING

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 1 (\*OT p.489)

Wyatt Pearce

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Invitation to Gather

JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;**

**Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Children's Message

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

*(Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will go to the Sonshine Room,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Education Building for Children's Church.)*

†Hymn 341

*Blessed Assurance*

ASSURANCE

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer

Celia Driver

Offertory

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

arr. Labenske

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)*

†Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the Trinity of Love.**

**Praise God, within, beside, above.**

**We praise You! We praise You!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

Epistle Lesson

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (\*NT p.230)

Celia Driver

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Anthem

*Purer in Heart*

Work

*Purer in heart, O God, help me to be; may I devote my life wholly to  
to Thee: Watch Thou my wayward feet, guide me with counsel sweet,  
Purer in heart—help me to be.*

*Purer in heart, O God, help me to be; teach me to do Thy will most  
lovingly: Be Thou my friend and guide, let me with Thee abide; Purer in  
heart help me to be.*

*Purer in heart, O God, help me to be, until Thy holy face one day I  
see: Keep me from secret sin, reign Thou my soul within; Purer in  
heart—help me to be.*

Sermon

*Social Painkiller*

Andrea Dellinger Jones

Discipline of Reflection

*(The Discipline of Reflection is a brief, quiet time for personal reflection.)*

# GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 372

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

†Blessing

*"We, the light of Christ, return to the world."*

†Postlude

*Basse et Dessus de Trompette*

Clérambault

\* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would  
welcome your inquiry.