

St. John's Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2024

10:30 a.m.



Vision Statement

Worship God

Love One Another

Serve the World

Worship Participants

Kent Meads, Interim Pastor
Elaine York, Pastor
Maria Winchester, Lay Reader
Susan Horst, Music Director
David Brock, Organist
Chancel Choir

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*Please stand as you are able.

BOLD People Response

GATHERING

Prelude (David Brock, Organist)

Variations on *Mit Freuden Zart*

Linda Ellis Cummings

Welcome and Announcements (Kent Meads, Interim Pastor)

Please sign our Ministry of Friendship pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you.

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.

People: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Leader: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him.

Leader: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

People: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

*Hymn No. 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

—The Presbyterian Hymnal; CCLI# 1761103 /One License# 59408ada02c23

*Call to Confession (Maria Winchester, Lay Reader)

Because we have faith in Christ, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and patience, let us confess our sins.

*Prayer of Confession

Holy Father, forgive us. Though You should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though You should rule us, we control ourselves. Though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think Your truth too high, Your will too hard, Your power too remote, Your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused minds with Your Word, heal our divided wills with Your Law, heal our troubled consciences with Your Love, heal our anxious hearts with Your Presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: If anyone does sin, we have a Priest-Friend in the presence of the Father: Jesus Christ, righteous Jesus. When he served as a sacrifice for our sins, he solved the sin problem for good—not only ours, but the whole world's.

People: Thanks be to God!

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Hymn**

Glory Be to the Father

—The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 577; CCLI# 221194

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Moment with Young Disciples

Anthem (Susan Horst, Music Director)
Chancel Choir

THE WORD

Message

Worship?
Psalm 95

The Rev. Kent Meads

Introduction:

What is your understanding of what Worship is?

Worship is commonly defined as follows

(1): **Noun**- The feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.

(2): **Verb**- Take part in a religious ceremony.

Is true worship **what we do**, a ceremony, or to Whom we direct our worship, the living God?

C.S. Lewis quote

Today we will examine some ways in which worship – worship which completes the enjoyment of our relationship with God – should be expressed.

Such worship should be expressed:

(1) "Rejoicing," vv. 1-5

- ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
³ For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
Revelation 19 singing in heaven.

(2) "Reverence," vv. 6-7

- ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Jesus: proskuneo: to kneel down before (Matthew 8.2)

(3) "Response," vv. 7c-11

- Today, if you hear his voice,
⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
⁹ when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways."
¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath
"They shall not enter my rest."

Exodus 17.7

True worship is the 'adoration of the Lord' and 'God's wondrous works in creation and salvation.'

So, worship focuses on God.

"God wants worshipper before He wants workers.

*Hymn No. 288 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
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Receiving the Morning Offering Elaine York, Pastor

Offertory *Carol of the Manger* Dale Wood

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Prayers of the People (Pray for the future Pastor)

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 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.

SENDING

*Hymn No. 138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*
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*Charge and Benediction

Postlude J.S. Bach
Chorale Fantasy: *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729 (Good Christian friends, Rejoice)

*Join us for Fellowship Time
in Martin Hall after our worship service.*

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**This Week at St. John's Presbyterian Church
December 29, 2024—January 5, 2025**

Sun. Dec. 29		
8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
10:00 am-10:30 am	Clawson Memorial Library Open	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 pm-12:30 pm	Clawson Memorial Library Open	
11:30 am	Fellowship/Coffee Time	Martin Hall
Mon. Dec. 30		
<i>Church Office Open 8:00 am-12:00 pm</i>		
9:30 am	AlAnon-Monday Morning Wake-Up	Martin Hall
6:30 pm	Bella Voce Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Tues. Dec. 31		
1:00 pm	AlAnon-Family Group	Martin Hall
Wed. Jan. 1		
<i>New Year's Day-Church Office Closed</i>		
10:30 am	Presbyterian Women	Clawson Memorial Library
11:30 am	Newcomers Artists	Martin Hall
1:00 pm	The Other Brothers Two	Music Room
5:00 pm	The Buttickers of NicA	Clawson Memorial Library
6:00 pm	Coyote Crossing Rehearsal	D104, 106, 108
6:30 pm	AlAnon Wednesday Night Beginner's Group	Martin Hall
Thurs. Jan. 2		
No Events Scheduled		
Fri. Jan. 3		
No Events Scheduled		
Sat. Jan. 4		
9:00 am	Unhanging of the Greens	
12:00 pm	Living Church of God	Martin Hall
7:00 pm	Back to Basics-Alcoholics Anonymous	Martin Hall
Sun. Jan. 5		
8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
10:00 am-10:30 am	Clawson Memorial Library Open	
10:30 am	Worship/Communion Service	Sanctuary
12:00 pm-12:30 pm	Clawson Memorial Library Open	
11:30 am	Fellowship/Coffee Time	Martin Hall

Staff

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Liz Salas, Financial Secretary
Lucas Parke, Security Sexton
Ann Peterson, Librarian

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David Brock, Organist

Elders

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