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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

Service colour: Green

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (also on You Tube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (all who are able standing)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (830); Bible Sentence

Hymn: 436 "God, we praise you"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, we exclaim as the psalmist did: "The Lord is gracious and merciful, always remembering his covenant. Great are the works of the Lord; I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation." Receive, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we are pleased to offer to you this day.

Merciful God, source of our forgiveness, we admit that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to conceal, and too deep to undo by ourselves. Forgive us for those things that our lips tremble to name, that our hearts can no longer bear, and that our minds find overwhelming. Set us free from the past that we cannot change and open to us a future in which we can be changed into the image of Jesus by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Assurance of Pardon

M.The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

Hallelujah (Hymn 294); The Passing of the Peace

Hymn: 378 "Jesus, Jesus" (all seated) Pupils gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons: Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 (p,150); Mark 1: 21-28 (p.35)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn: 729 (Tune: 674) "Silence, frenzied, unclean spirit"

Sermon

The Offertory

The Creed (539) & The Offertory Prayer (all who are able standing)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer (831)

Hymn: 692 (Tune:138) "Where charity and love prevail"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go Now in Peace" (all seated) (hymn book – inside back cover)

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Gregg Lambert, Elizabeth Canning

Elevator: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Nancy Heighton

Reader: Gregg Lambert

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

Today: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tues: 7:00 p.m. Worship & Fellowship Committee (ZOOM)

Wed: 7:00 – 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry

Thurs: 1:00 p.m. AMS Auxiliary Roll Call Word: Tell; Speaker: Helena Human, the Camping and Youth Consultant for our Synod. 50% of her work is with Camp Geddie.

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery Presbyterian World Service and Development Sunday

Thank you to those who provided nominations for additional elders to our Session.

A Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are in the Mik'kma'ki-the unceded territory and the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

Today 3:00 p.m. St. John's, Windsor. The Presbytery is holding a service of Word and Sacrament to mark the closing of that congregation on January 31, 2024. All welcome.

Thursday, February 15 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Valentine Muffin Party & Book Sale sponsored by The Ladies' Guild. Bring any books that you could donate for sale. Consider bringing a friend.

Hymn 436

1. God, we praise you for the morning; hope springs forth with each new day, new beginning, prayer and promise, joy in work and in play.

2. God, we praise you for creation, mountains, seas and prairie land. Waking souls find joy and healing in your bountiful hand.

3. God, we praise you for compassion, all the loving that you show; human touching, tears and laughter, help your children to grow.

4. God, we praise you for your Spirit, Comforter and daily friend; restless searcher, gentle teacher, strength and courage you send.

5. God, we praise you for the Saviour, come that we many know your ways. In his loving, dying, rising, Christ is Lord of our days.

6. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Christ is Lord of our days!

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Hymn 378

1. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

2. Love him, love him, love him in the morning, love him in the noontime;
Love him, love him, love him when the sun goes down!

3. Serve him, serve him, serve him in the morning, serve him in the
noontime; serve him, serve him,
serve him when the sun goes down!

4. Thank him, thank him,
thank him in the morning, thank him in the noontime;
thank him, thank him, thank him when the sun goes down!

5. Praise him, praise him,
praise him in the morning, praise him in the noontime;
praise him, praise him, praise him when the sun goes down!

6. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

Hymn 729 (Tune 674)

1. "Silence! frenzied, unclean spirit," cried God's healing, Holy One.
"Cease your ranting! flesh can't bear it, Flee as night before the sun."
At Christ's voice the demon trembled, from its victim madly rushed,
while the crowd that was assembled stood in wonder,
stunned and hushed.

2. Lord, the demons still are thriving in the grey cells of the mind;
tyrant voices, shrill and driving, twisted thoughts
that grip and bind,
doubts that stir the heart to panic, fears distorting reason's sight,
guilt that makes our loving frantic,
dreams that cloud the soul with fright.

3. Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit in our mind and in our heart;
speak your word that when we hear it,
all our demons shall depart.
Clear our thought and calm our feeling, still the fractured warring soul;
by the power of your healing, make us faithful, true and whole.
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Hymn 692 (Tune 138)

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found,
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

2. With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

3. Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

4. Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease;
be God's the glory that we seek; be ours God's holy peace.

5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.

6. No race nor creed can love exclude, if honoured by God's name;
our family embraces all whose Father is the same.

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