

February 2, 2025
Liturgical Color – Green

4th Sunday After Epiphany

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Slackwood Presbyterian Church
2020 Brunswick Avenue
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Embracing God. Extending Welcome. Celebrating All.



Artwork by Sandy Murray

Sunday, February 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

--GATHER TO WORSHIP--

As a consideration to all who seek to worship this morning, please turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.

Bell of Invitation

Welcome & Announcements

The Lighting of the Peace Candle and Centering Prayer

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Leader: In you, O Lord, let us take refuge in you,

People: so we might never be put to shame.

Leader: In your righteousness, O Lord, let us find deliverance,

People: so we might experience your saving power.

Leader: In your presence, O God, let us place our trust,

People: so we might find confidence in you alone.

Leader: You are our rock and our refuge, our fortress and shield.

People: We turn to you again this day.

*Hymn #722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” CANONBURY

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

Generous God, when we set our tables, we envision who belongs. We find satisfaction in welcoming those we consider our own. Our boundaries are drawn for our own family, our own congregation, and our own neighborhood. We limit seating to those who make us comfortable and lay out the welcome mat for those we choose to invite. Yet your kingdom has no boundaries. Before our birth, you have known, loved, and claimed each and every person. Soften our hearts towards those we oppose. Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table. Renew us with your boundless mercy and love, which knows no end. (*Time for silent prayer*) Amen.

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#581)

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, amen.

(Following the time of confession, young people ages 3 to 10 may leave for church school.)

HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination -- Hymn #458 Refrain

“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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First Scripture Reading - Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Allen Pote

Second Reading – Luke 4:21-30

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Who Me?”

Rev. David Bowman

*Affirmation of Faith. “*The Apostles’ Creed*”

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #690 “Lord, When I Came into This Life” ST. PATRICK

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Call for Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (#606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

Installation of Elders and Deacons

Litany of Gifts

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

All: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Constitutional Questions

Ordination

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

*Hymn #767 "Together We Serve" SAN ANSELMO

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise....

(Prayer continues)

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(Please hold till all partake together at the instruction of the officiant.)

Prayer after the Meal

*Hymn #547

AR HYD Y NOS

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

*Charge and Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

**Those who are able may stand.*

Christ's Ministers in the World: All members of the church

Pastor: The Rev. David Bowman

Director of Music: Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

Liturgist: Terrie Mansmann

The Peace Candle in the Chancel is lit to remind us of the gift of Christ's peace and our call to be peacemakers.

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you will feel very welcome and that you will stay following the service for refreshments and conversation.

Pastor Bowman's contact information:

Email: dfbsbv@gmail.com or Telephone: 732.547.3480

Announcements

The **Adult Forum** meeting dates will appear in your Saturday announcements email.

Sunday School for Middle & High School Youth is held each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

The **choir** rehearses each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The **Youth Group Mission Trip** Information Session will take place this evening at 6:30pm during youth group at Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville. This summer participants will be heading to Harrisonburg Virginia from June 25th to July 2nd and staying at Massanetta Springs, a Presbyterian Camp. Youth will be participating in a variety of different service projects in the area. Registration will open today. The cost of the trip is \$550 per person. Scholarships are available upon request. Interested or have questions, contact Robin Garzoni

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study will be on Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The link is in the Saturday announcements email.

The Membership & Outreach Committee is organizing a **Valentine's Day party for residents of Heritage Village**, the apartments next to the church. The party will be on February 9 from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the common room at Heritage Village. Pizza will be provided, desserts are needed. There is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall to let the committee know if you will attend.

Calling Church School Volunteers! -- Volunteers are needed to teach church school class for a Sunday or two this winter and spring. Sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

People are needed to provide **refreshments for fellowship hour** after worship each Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Coming Event: A one hour training session for elders and deacons will be held following worship on Sunday, February 23.

Those people and places remembered in the morning prayer last Sunday are: Gianna, Jillian, Emma, Elena, Ben, Matt, Trevor, Carrie, Mary, Sharon, Mike, Capt. Paul, NG, Ben, Michael, Samantha, Jonatha, Joan, Brooke, Lori, Bobby Joe, Ann Klein Forensic Center, the unhoused, the unemployed and under-employed, the marginalized, our country, those impacted by nature or violence, TR & Lamor, Jim, Joan, Christa, Marilyn, Mylan, Martha, MaryBeth, Francine, John, Johnny, Sharon, Marge, Bobby Joe, Jim, Jac, Kim, MJ & Richard, Dennis, Jamie, Gayle, Riley, Julie, Steph, the Loesch family, Jen, Brad, Willa, Hank, Jen C., Elize, Sandy, Scott, Debi & Doug, Mr. Nucera, Nagley family, Venutola family and Braydyn.

Slackwood's Mission Statement

Slackwood Presbyterian Church is a diverse, caring Christian community guided by scripture, committed to loving God, loving our neighbors as we love ourselves and sharing Christ's love with all people.

Slackwood's Vision Statement

We envision glorifying and serving God by being an example to each other, the community, and the world through:

vibrant worship, faithful prayer, relevant study,
joyful fellowship, compassionate service.

We strive to build a safe community that embraces all ages, people of color, the LGBTQIA+ community, people with disabilities, other marginalized people.