

January 22, 2023                      Morning Worship                      10:30 a.m.  
Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
Slackwood Presbyterian Church

## 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.*

Welcome & Announcements

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom  
shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom  
shall I be afraid?**

Leader: As we behold the beauty of God's temple, we see  
God's face.

**People: God is our shelter and our shade. We will sing to  
the God of our salvation!**

\*Hymn #170    WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN  
"You Walk along Our Shoreline"

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

**Christ, Our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we  
are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of  
the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We  
are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid  
we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into  
faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you that we may  
be part of your work in the world. (moment of 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 a time of lesson and activity.)*

## HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Kiran Young Wimberly

"The Lord Is My Light" (Psalm 27)

Gospel Reading -- Matthew 4:12-23

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Follow Me"

Rev. David Bowman

\*Affirmation of Faith (*From A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and  
renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and  
neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one  
body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the  
prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ  
through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of  
life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all  
ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the  
Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness  
among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask  
idolatry in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples  
long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom,  
and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy  
and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and  
new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

\*Hymn #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" KELVINGROVE

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People & 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.**

Call for Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology (#606)

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #757

KINGSFOLD

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

\*Charge and Benediction

## **DEPART TO SERVE**

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

**Christ’s Ministers in the World:** All members of the church

**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. David Bowman

**Parish Associate:** The Rev. James Klotz

**Director of Music:** Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

**Director of Family Ministries:** Starr Alleyne

**Liturgists:** Emma and Kate Moore

**Welcome to all** who are worshipping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you feel very welcome. Please stay for a few minutes following the service for refreshments and conversation.

## **Announcements**

The **Adult Forum** meets each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. The link is sent in the Saturday night announcement email. If you are not getting that email, and would like to, speak to Carol Belles.

The **Youth Group** meets at 9:15 a.m.

The **Choir** rehearses at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

The **Worship Committee** will meet following the morning service today.

### **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the congregation has been called by the session for Sunday, January 29, 2023 following the morning service of worship to elect elders, deacons and members of the officer nominating committee and any other business set by the session.

**St. Patrick’s Day** – The Membership & Outreach Committee is reviving the St. Patrick’s Day social. The date is March 18 and the time is 6:00 p.m. with a covered dish dinner. Before deciding on the program for the evening, the committee needs to know who would be willing to share their talent (or no talent) that evening. There is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall to add your name if you are interested in the talent portion of the social.

**Summer Festival** - The date for this year’s summer festival has been set for Saturday, August 19. Ginger Baker needs volunteers to serve on the planning committee. If you are willing to help plan the event, please speak to Ginger or email her at [gingerwells55@hotmail.com](mailto:gingerwells55@hotmail.com).