

January 29, 2023 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Slackwood Presbyterian Church
2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

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: When we seek justice for the other, when we love kindness more than ever,

People: we live as God asks us to live.

Leader: When we walk humbly through life, when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,

People: we are the blessing God hopes we will be.

Leader: When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus, when we choose weakness rather than power,

People: we reflect the One who is in our midst.

*Hymn #19 GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL
“God of Great and God of Small”

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

What have we done to you, dear God? We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word, then to take the risk to keep it. We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander we speak about those around us. You are wise enough to forgive our foolishness; you are strong enough to overcome our weakness; you are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause to you and to others. And so you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (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 – Micah 6:1-8

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Let Justice Roll Like a River” Marty Haugen

Gospel Reading -- Matthew 5:1-12

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Just Do It!” Rev. David Bowman

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Declaration of Faith)

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness.

We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people.

Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

*Hymn #749 “Come! Live in the Light!” WE ARE CALLED

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 #773

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

“Heaven Shall Not Wait”

*Charge and Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

**Those who are able may stand.*

Announcements

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

Liturgist: Terrie Mansmann

Welcome to everyone who is worshiping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you 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** 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 want to, see Carol Belles.

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

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

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.

Those people remembered in the morning prayer last week are:

Scout, Ms. Meyers, Theresa, Kyle, Rick, Steven, Shawn, Jenny, Pam, Bianca, Scott, Karla & Aaron, Monterey Park, CA., Philadelphia, Israel, Ukraine, Iran, Richard, Ken, Faith, Jill, Laura, Ebbie, Judy, Nona, Bob, Ricky, Travis, Sandra, Ashley, Tom, Steve, Beth, Jack, Joan, Tania, Jacqui, Jim, Kim, Doug, Beth & family & friends, Norman & family & friends, Jan & Heather, Nancy, Arlene, Marilyn, Mylan, Leila, Nancy, Beck family, Sarah & Wesley, Trish, Pat, Isabel, Carlos, Brooke, Julie, Lily, Patti, Jean and Josephine.

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. If you are willing to share a talent (or no talent) that evening, look for a sign up sheet in fellowship hall or contact Ginger Baker.

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.