

# 4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements  
Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude Adagio from Sonata V in C Major, BWV 529 J.S. Bach

The Call to Worship  
Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow,  
**in this place we are all family because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.**  
God has showered his love and mercy on us all.  
**God welcomes all of us here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
Let us praise the Lord!

\*The Hymn of Praise Come Sing, O Church, in Joy 430

\*The Call to Confession  
The Psalmist prayed, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” May this also be our prayer as we confess our sins to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession  
**Almighty God, we are grateful to be your children. We praise you, for you have lovingly and uniquely created all people. We confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to those who are different from us. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice. We confess our resistance to accept that you love all people, even those whom we might consider our enemy. Deliver us from the sins of hatred and**

**resentment. Search our hearts, we pray.** [Silent confession.] **Lord, break down all that is within us that is not pleasing to you. Purify our hearts and lead us in your way. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon  
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. To all who confess their sins, God forgives them of their sins through the blood of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

\*The Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father 579  
**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.**

The Anthem The Gift of Love H. Hopson

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children  
The Gospel Reading Luke 4:21-30 page 1464  
The Sermon Jesus is Rejected Pastor Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Hymn Ah, Holy Jesus 93  
\*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

The Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elder: Deb Easlick

The Morning Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer (using sins)  
**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory      Thou Knowest, Lord      H. Purcell

\*The Doxology      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      592

**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.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn      *Here I Am, Lord*      525

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response      *Go with Us, Lord*      535  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude      Impromptu No. 1      S. Coleridge-Taylor

**Liturgist:** Samantha Engel

**Ushers:** John LaDouce, Larry Smith, and the Sova family

**Greeter:** Karen Kalina

**Fellowship Hour:** Sandra Rease

**Musical Talents:** Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and The  
Choirs of First and Second Presbyterian Churches.

**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for  
refreshments and fellowship.**

**\*\*\* NO 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second today. We will resume next Sunday,  
February 9 with Jesus as the Divine Word in John. \*\*\***

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is broadcasted on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.



## From the SPC Session

The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is Sunday, February 16, 2024 immediately following worship. Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted.

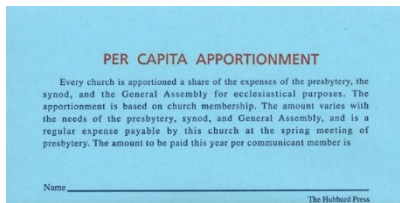
## Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, February 3 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.

## Per Capita

Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole; it is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The total 2025 Per Capita for our church is \$6,875.00, which equates to **\$30.69 per member** (not per household). This goes to General

Assembly, Synod of the Covenant and the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.



## Music and Worship



The sign-up sheets are out for February Ushers. We also need some volunteers willing to learn and help with the Live-Stream operations. Please see Chuck Kemerer, Cheryl Kelley, Deb Easlick, or Bruce Smith if you are interested in learning the live-stream process

## Book Group for February

The Book Group scheduled for Sunday, February 9 has been postponed until Sunday, February 23 @ 1:00 p.m. I apologize for the change, but I will be out of town February 6-9. ~Sonia~

## Confirmation Class

We will soon be offering a confirmation class for any youth who would like to become members of this church. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please talk to either Marsha Bennett or Pastor Ruth.

## Hope & Care Totes

For the month of February, we are highlighting the Saginaw City Rescue Mission's Outreach Project, **Operation Hope and Care Totes**. The Rescue Mission's goal, through the **Operation Hope and Care** project, is to provide basic, personal hygiene items to hundreds of needy men, women, and children in the Mid-Michigan area. These hygiene items can bring a sense of relief to those desperately in need in our community.

**Please fill a bag or tote to bring the items to church.**

**You do not have to fill a bag; we will take whatever you can donate.**

Please bring items to the church by Sunday, February 23.

