

# Sunday Worship

January 28, 2024

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

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Be Thou Near* Bach

The Call to Worship

Let us whole-heartedly give thanks to the Lord and praise his name!

**Great are the works of the Lord. The works of his hands are faithful and just.**

Glorious and majestic are his deeds. His righteousness endures forever.

**God is gracious and compassionate. He has provided for our redemption.**

To God belongs eternal praise.

\*The Hymn of Praise *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* 482

\*The Call to Confession

God is holy and cannot stand sin. But God is also gracious and compassionate. He has provided for our redemption through Jesus Christ. With this assurance, let us confess our sin to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have fallen short. You come to us, but we do not acknowledge you. You call, but we do not follow. You command, but we do not obey. You bless us, but we do not thank you. You forgive us, but we do not forgive others. You showed us how to carry out your mission, but we insist on going our own way. For these sins and others, forgive us. [Silent confession.] Lord, strengthen us for this journey that we might faithfully follow you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear this good news. Jesus has the authority to cast out our sins and rid us of all unclean spirits. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and cleansed.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 577

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

The Anthem *I Will Give Jubilant Thanks* Barrett

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 page 211 OT

The Psalm Psalm 111 page 672 OT

The Gospel Reading Mark 1:21-28 page 47 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed(traditional) hymnal, page 14

\*The Hymn *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord;* verses 1,3,4 419

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.**

# Second Presbyterian Church

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The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Runyan

\*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 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name; verses 1-3* 460

\*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 *Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"* Young

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**Liturgist :** Kitty Myers

**Ushers:** John La Duce, Hugh Matson, Sayre Nichol, Mike Patton

**Greeters:** Brian & Cathy McNalley

**Fellowship Hour:**

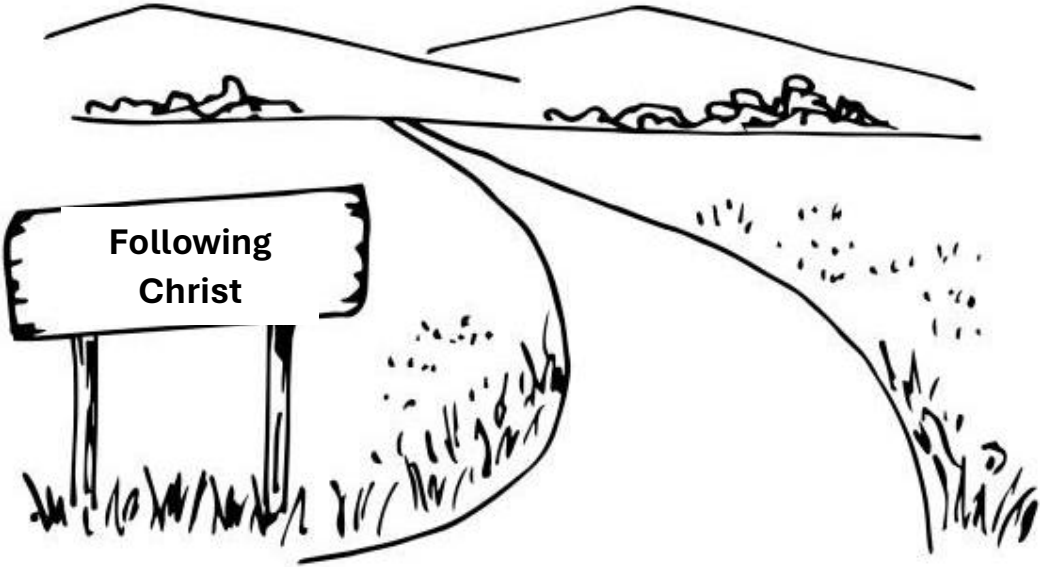
**Musical Talents:** Laurel Taipale

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**2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second** will meet today following worship in the library.

**Second Presbyterian Session meeting** is rescheduled for Tuesday, January 30 @ 7:00 p.m. in the library.



*Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



Due to inclement weather postponing the January Session meeting, The Second Presbyterian Church Session has moved **The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation to Sunday, February 11, 2024 immediately following worship.** Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted.

## Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **February 3**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. This will be a recurring event on the **first Saturday of each month.** We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. Many hands make light work! We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.



**January Mission Focus** is “2 Coins a Meal” to help combat hunger. This is a wonderful program to help combat hunger – both globally (through PCUSA Hunger Program) and locally (through local food pantries) to help alleviate hunger in our community. We invite you to begin gathering any spare change you may have at home. The little buckets around the gathering area are for you to place your contributions to this mission. **TODAY** is the last day to contribute to this mission.



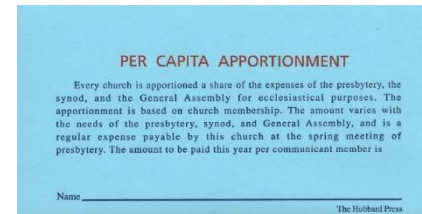
**For the month of February**, we are highlighting the Saginaw City Rescue Mission’s Outreach Project, **Operation Hope and Care Totes.** Next Sunday, there will be a list of items requested by the Rescue Mission available.

## Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), the church office along with any church programming for that day will be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women’s Circle, Community events.



## 2024 Per Capita Apportionment



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 per capita for 2024 amount is **\$29.50 per member** (not per household). It goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery.

Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.



## For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast 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.

**The church office will be open Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.**

### Prayer of Illumination

Almighty God, you have spoken to us through your Son.  
Let your written Word now be spoken and heard by each one of us.  
Give us ears to hear and hearts to understand,  
that we may not refuse your calling or ignore your voice.  
Teach us through your powerful Word.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

<sup>17</sup> The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. <sup>20</sup> But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."

### Psalm 111<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.<sup>[b]</sup>

I will extol the LORD with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the lands of other nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup> They are established for ever and ever,  
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup> He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever—  
holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
To him belongs eternal praise.

### Mark 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

<sup>25</sup> "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

<sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.