

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

January 8, 2023 at 10 am

*“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” (Luke 22:19)*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

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### HYMN #63: “AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD”

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As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most glorious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

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The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today  
is the same Jesus who refused the temptation  
to worship the evil one.

**Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,  
he endured the shame of the cross,  
and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.**

\* Please stand if you are able

Now are gathered in him all the treasures  
of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power.

With the saints of all ages we say:

**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom  
and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**

*Based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12*

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**HYMN #482: “PRAISE YE THE LORD”**

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Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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O God, with the psalmist we pray:

Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.  
Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

*Psalm 51:1-3, 7, 9-12*

*After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

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### THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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Sermon: *"This Is; Do This: What Communion Is About"*—Chuck Guth

#### **Luke 22:7-8, 14-20, 24-27**

Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John ahead and said, "Go and prepare the Passover meal, so we can eat it together." ...

When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."

Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come."

He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you." ...

Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*The ceramic jars in the offering plates are designated for the Deacons' Fund **and** the World Vision Fund. Our deacons provide care, support, and financial assistance to those in the congregation in need. The World Vision Fund supports a Sponsored Child through World Vision.*

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#### **"BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE"**

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Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
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\* Please stand if you are able

*Hallelujah*  
*My life is found in Jesus Christ;*  
*Hallelujah*  
*For I am His and He is mine.*

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me. **[REFRAIN]**

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God  
With Christ my Saviour and my God. **[REFRAIN]**

I bow before the cross of Christ  
And marvel at this love divine  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed  
To make me righteous in God's eyes  
This river's depths I cannot know  
But I can glory in its flood  
The Lord Most High has bowed down low  
And poured on me His glorious love  
And poured on me His glorious love. **[REFRAIN]**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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*Our practice is to eat the bread individually as it is distributed,  
and to hold onto the cup until all have received it, and partake of it in unison.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer***

***Passing the Peace: "May the peace of Christ be with you"***

***Communion***

***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 sits 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**HYMN #482: "COME THOU FOUNT"**

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Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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### CALENDAR

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| <b>Sunday, January 8</b>     | Communion<br>Potluck after the Service<br>Youth Group (4:30 pm)   |
| <b>Thurs, January 12</b>     | Session Meeting (7:00 pm)   |
| <b>Tuesday, January 17</b>   | Worship at Channel Point (10:30)  |
| <b>Wednesday, January 18</b> | Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm – Rescheduled from Tues, Jan 17 to Wed, Jan 18 for this month only) |
| <b>Thurs, January 19</b>     | Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm)  |