

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

January 28, 2024 at 10 am

"Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then ... they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world." (1 Peter 2:12)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #356: "COME THOU FOUNT"

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

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"WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR"

Wonderful merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men;
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

* Please stand if you are able

*You are the One that we praise;
You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *[Refrain]*

Almighty, infinite, Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us,
Falling before Your throne;
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *[Refrain]*

*"Wonderful Merciful Savior" by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse,
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THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"How Might We Be a Blessing?"*

1 Peter 2:4–5, 9–12; 3:8–9

As you come to him, the living Stone —rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. . . .

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. . . .

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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HYMN #411: "ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME"

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones, and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

REFLECTING AND IMAGINING:

What Might Being a Blessing Look Like?

BENEDICTION

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CALENDAR

- TODAY (Jan 28)** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the sanctuary)
Annual Congregational Meeting (right after worship)
- Tuesday, Jan 30** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
- Sunday, Feb 4** Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)
Communion (10:00 worship service)
- Monday, Feb 5** Stewardship Meeting (1:00 pm)
- LOOKING AHEAD** February 14: Ash Wednesday Service (6:00 supper, 6:30 service)
February 21: Coffee and Study (1:00 pm)
Soup and Study (6:00 pm)