

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

February 11, 2024 at 10 am

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another . . ." (Ephesians 4:32, NIV)*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

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### HYMN #487: "WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES"

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When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer, To Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky, From depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song, Through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

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With what shall we come before the LORD,  
and bow before God on high?

**He has told us what is good;  
and what the LORD requires of us:  
to do justice, to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

It is good to be together, God,  
listening for your voice, united by your Spirit.

**In this time of worship  
tell us about your kingdom of kindness so that we can seek it.**

Show us your justice and your compassion.

**We want to walk with you, humbly, closely, daily.**

*Based on Micah 6:6, 8.*

\* Please stand if you are able

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***“HOLY, MIGHTY, WORTHY”***

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Holy, holy, holy.  
Seraph choirs extol Thee;  
Bending wings they humbly sing of Thy lofty majesty.  
Thou alone art holy;  
Who on earth is like Thee,  
Grant that we like Thee may be:  
holy, holy, holy.

Mighty, mighty, mighty.  
Sun and stars declare Thee;  
All creation joins to sing of Thy pow’r and deity.  
Thou alone art mighty;  
Naught was made without Thee,  
Grant that we Thy pow’r may see:  
Mighty, mighty, mighty.

Worthy, worthy, worthy.  
Saints in heav’n exalt Thee;  
Lamb once slain now raised to reign,  
Savior Judge and conq-ring King.  
Thou alone art worthy;  
All was made to please Thee;  
Grant that we in heav’n may sing:  
Worthy, worthy, worthy.

Glory, glory, glory.  
We Thy church adore Thee.  
Called by grace to bring Thee praise,  
Trophies of Thy pow’r to save.  
None shall share Thy glory;  
All shall bow before Thee;  
Father Son and Spirit One:  
Glory, glory, glory.

*“Holy, Mighty, Worthy” by Chris Anderson and Greg Habegger  
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***HYMN #276: “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”***

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *[Refrain]*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *[Refrain]*

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)**

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**Merciful God,  
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.**

**We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.  
we so often stray from your ways like lost sheep,  
following the desires of our own hearts.**

**We have not loved you with pure hearts,  
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are not consistent in our desire for justice and kindness;  
too often we fail to walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.  
In your great compassion,  
cleanse us from our sin.**

**Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.  
Do not cast us from your presence,  
or take your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Based on Psalm 51:10-12*

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

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***“JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW”***

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Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in. *[Refrain]*

Jesus, take this heart of mine,  
Make it pure and holy yours.  
On the cross, You died for me;  
I will try to live for you. *[Refrain]*

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## THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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Sermon: *"Loving One Another: Be Kind and Compassionate"*

### Mark 6:30–34

The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught.<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat.

<sup>32</sup> So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone.<sup>33</sup> But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them.<sup>34</sup> Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

### Colossians 3:12–15

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.<sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.<sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.<sup>15</sup> And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

### Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

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

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*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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### DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day;  
Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
to wake at last in heaven's light.

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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### CALENDAR

- TODAY, Feb 11** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the sanctuary)  
Potluck (after the service)
- Tuesday, Feb 13** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
- Wednesday, Feb 14** Quilting Group (10:30–2:30 pm)  
Ash Wednesday Service (6:00 pm supper, 6:30 pm service)
- Thursday, Feb 15** Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Sunday, Feb 18** Choir Practice (9:00 am in the Parlor)  
Sunday Worship and Communion (10:00 in the sanctuary)  
Youth Group (4:00 pm)
- Wednesday, Feb 21** Lenten Study: *Eavesdropping on Peter*  
Coffee and Study (1:00 pm)  
Soup and Study (6:00 pm)