



The Protestant Community Church

“Cathedral of the Woods”

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An inclusive, ecumenical faith community purposefully seeking to be caring, faithful disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, study, prayer, and Christian service.

10:00 - January 18, 2025 - Second Sunday after Epiphany †

Welcome & Announcements

Members, friends, and guests are invited to sign the pew pad found at the end of the pew. We also invite you to share any joys or concerns, noting them on the prayer cards which will be collected during the offering.

Prelude

“Balm in Gilead”

Hughes

Introit

“Be Still, My Soul”

Call to Worship

(Liturgist/Congregation)

Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.’

Jesus still calls the heavy-hearted and offers us comfort.

With gratitude we respond to this holy invitation. Here we find comfort in Christ and with each other.

Meditation

*Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#319

Prayer of confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Confession

Assurance

*Gloria Patri #705

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.

Children's Message

Sunday School Dismissal

Parents are to pick up their children following the worship service, upstairs in the Todd Building, and are welcome to join the children in the closing time of meditation.

Passing of the Peace

First Reading

Luke 6:6-11

On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come and stand here.' He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, 'I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?' After looking around at all of them, he said to him, 'Stretch out your hand.' He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Anthem

"Amazing Grace"

J. Schrader

Second Reading

Luke 6:17-19

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

***Hymn** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #400

Sermon "The Healing Work of God" Rev Keith Reed

Prayer of Healing (Unison)

Holy God, your love is greater than we can ask or imagine. We open ourselves to you this day, admitting our physical and spiritual brokenness. Through the power of your Holy Spirit bring about your healing in our lives. Show us your abundant love in new ways. Through Christ, our lord, we pray. Amen.

Anointing With Oil

Offertory "He Touched Me" Gaither
Soloist - Manny Estacio

***Presentation of Gifts and Doxology #706**

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

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** "It Is Well With My Soul" #573

***Benediction**

***Response** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" P. Lutkin

Postlude "Toccata in E Minor" Pachelbel

*The congregation may stand

[Music by: Organist - Sandy Ritter; Cathedral Choir Director - Katie Teall]

† PRAYERS OF CONCERN †

Those placed on the prayer list will remain on the list for one month unless specified otherwise. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please secure permission prior to calling the church office or emailing in to kayla@protestantcommunitychurch.org

Adam	Evelyn Herzog	Robey family
Ann	Marianne Karns	Smalfus family
Steven Barnes	Ashley Kimble & family	Bill Steffan
Lorrie Breslin	Klausner family	Mercedes Stewart
Dave C	Ron Koontz	Susan
Carole Cutry	Sally Lavallee	JoAnn Tate
Bethany Dull	Lester	Ed Tucker
Fisher	Floss Mikle	Paul Vahlstrom
Andria Gross & family	Peter Perno	Vinnie
Lydia Gibson	Rese Ritter	

Please remember in your prayers those serving in our military services and their families. Please pray for the families separated, recovering from disasters, or faced with life altering decisions, and pray for peace, hope, and healing in the world. ♥

VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Ushers: Lynda Miller & Lee Bealuk **Reader:** George Greatrex
Fellowship Hour Host: Thomas and Childress families

✿ ALTAR FLOWERS ✿

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Richard and MaryAnn DeMartin, given by Linda Hoffman.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - 1/11/26

8:00 Worship Service - 23
10:00 Worship Service - 113
Online - 16

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

Please use the link below or the QR code if you would like to send an offering electronically:



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