



# Central Presbyterian Church

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

## Welcome

### Announcements

*Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.*

Prelude

*“Psalms for the Pedals”*

Spong

### **Prayer of Preparation** *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

*O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### **\*Call to Worship [from Psalm 27]**

L: The Lord is my light and my rescue; whom shall I fear?

**P: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom should I be afraid?**

L: One thing have I asked, one thing will I seek after,

**P: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

L: For he will hide me in his shelter.

**P: He will conceal me under the cover of his tent.**

**\*Hymn**

*“To God be the Glory”*

**PH #485**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Father, you are holy and righteous, and we cannot stand before you on any merits of our own. Yet in Jesus your Son we can stand and proclaim you on behalf of his suffering and death for us. You see us through cross-colored glasses and see his righteousness when you see us. We confess our weak faith and short-sighted vision which keep us from seeing the full scope of the kingdom you are bringing. We ask you to help us see it with new eyes, while we bring our brokenness to you for healing and strength. In Jesus' name only we can pray. Amen.**

Time of silence for personal reflection.

## Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

\*Gloria Patri      *“Glory Be to the Father”*

PH #579

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Robert Lackie

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

New Testament Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Sermon      *“The Best, The Only Teacher and King”* Robert Lackie  
[Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-25]

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

\*Hymn

*“In Christ Alone”*

(Video)

### Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### Offering

**Offertory**    *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*    Bradbury

**\*Doxology**    **PH #591**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*Hymn**    *“Take My Life and Let it Be”*    **PH #391**  
Verses 1, 4, 6

### \*Charge and Blessing

Postlude    *“Allegro in F from the Fourth Organ Concerto”*  
Handel/Norris  
*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

WORSHIP LEADER:    Robert Lackie  
ORGANIST:    Emma Lou Denton  
PIANIST:    Rich Ford  
LITURGIST:    Marilyn Montgomery  
GREETER/USHER:    Dan Stephenson

**\*Please stand, if able**    CCLI License #2716138  
Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover