

January 21, 2024; 9:00 am
Third Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Prelude: CWM Rhondda

arr. by Gerhard Krapf

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Pete Wills

Where do we turn for help?

God is our rock. We will not be shaken!

Where do we look for forgiveness?

God is our salvation. We will not be shaken!

Where can we find protection?

God is our fortress. We will not be shaken!

We trust in God, our refuge and our hope.

*** Opening Prayer**

God of love and grace, you are our light and our salvation. As you welcome us here this day, we also welcome you to be within and among us. Breathe your love and grace into our very being and open our hearts, that we may know the truth of your presence and the glory of your love. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, **AMEN.**

***Sung Response: GTG 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

Carol Wetzel, Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Pete Wills

Jesus calls us to leave our comfortable ways and venture forward with him. We are so often afraid, convincing ourselves that it is easier to remain bound to our worldly habits. Jesus knows our fears and offers us forgiveness and healing. Let us open our hearts to accept God’s loving promise, and become a new creation, a new community, called and reclaimed in the Spirit of love.

***Prayer of Confession**

Pete Wills

Forgive us, O God,
for the harm we have caused others, for the times we have turned away from you, for the ways we have rejected your love and mercy. Forty minutes, forty days, or even forty years would not be sufficient to make up for all the sins and errors of humankind. But your grace is sufficient for us. Your presence is all we need, each and every moment of our lives.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Forgive us, O God, and invite us to begin again. **Open our hearts and teach us your ways. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The light of God has been made known to us in the person of Jesus. His life and light have arisen upon us. For all who receive him, he gives the right to become children of God. In him we are forgiven and freed, made to live no longer in darkness but in the light of life. **Amen.**

***Sharing God’s Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula ‘The Peace of Christ.’ ‘And also, with you.’ Please be mindful of those

who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)

***Sung Response: GTG 582** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 62:5-12 (Common English Bible)

(page 526 in the pew Bible)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20 (Common English Bible)

(page 35 in the pew Bible)

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “Repent and Follow”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: GTG 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

vs. 1, 2, & 4

We Respond to God’s Word

In response to God’s Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God’s tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible act of thanks. No matter what is physically offered back to God, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God’s hands, to be re-shaped to further God’s kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: “Change My Heart, O God”

Carol Wetzel

***Offertory: GTG 609 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**
(TUNE: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

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.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

***Sung response: GTG 720 “Jesus Calls Us”**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: “Galilee”

arr. by James D. Holloway

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January Deacon of the Month
Linda Neville

January Elder of the Month
Brian Conran

This Week at Church

Sunday	01.21.2024
9:00-10:00am	Worship – Pastor Craig
10:15am	Fellowship Time
10:20-11:15am	Growing Connections – Intergenerational Activities Using Breeze and Online Giving
1:00-2:00pm	PYA – Woodlands (Table Games)
6:00-7:30pm	Boy Scouts Meeting
Monday	01.22.2024
10:00-11:30am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	01.24.2024
8:00-9:00am	Men’s Breakfast
3:30-5:00pm	Finance Team
4:30-5:30pm	Bell Choir
Saturday	01.27.2024
9:00-12:00pm	Table Tennis
Sunday	01.28.2024
9:00-10:00am	Worship
10:15am	Annual Congregational Meeting
11:30am	PYA
6:00-7:30pm	Boy Scout Meeting

Looking Ahead

Growing Connections	January 21
Worship	January 28
Annual Meeting	January 28
Ash Wednesday	February 14
Brunch 11:00am-12:00pm	February 18

Intergenerational Activities

- Learn how to do Online Giving.
- Get your picture taken for our Online Directory.

Pastor Craig Alwin
Immediately following worship.
First Day of Lent.
Sponsored by the Deacons and the Loving Team.

PRAYERS

Brian C.	Marie L.
Pat D.	*Ashley K.
Gib D.	*Mike S.
Arnold L.	*Dale F.
Jesse F.	*Maryann C.
Liam A.	*Lori M.
Burt M.	*Laura C.
*Cathie	The Frize Family – on the death of Becky’s father-
Chastity G. and Joan S.	Jerry Heider.
Lynn K.	**The Valsing Family – on the death of their grandson.
	All the countries affected by unrest, violence, and war.

The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has requested they be lifted in prayer.

**If you wish to send a card to the Vahlsing Family, their Oregon address is in Breeze.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

E-Giving

Consider giving electronically. It’s easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. Click on ‘Giving’. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God’s work.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
January 14, 2024	75 IN THE SEATS	\$1,591.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
		\$525.00	"PAVE THE WAY"--OFFERINGS
01/08--01/12/24	9HOUSEHOLDS	\$1,871.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$300.00	"PAVE THE WAY"-VANCO 01/08--12/2024
		\$4,287.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
1/14/2024	9 HOUSEHOLDS		9-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 01/14/2024
		\$21,982.02	DECEMBER-- MONTHLY INCOME
		266,043.27	JANUARY-- DECEMBER 2023 INCOME
		35,235.66	DECEMBER--MONTHLY EXPENSES
		\$330,750.59	JANUARY--DECEMBER 2023 EXPENSES