



February 4, 2024  
5th Sunday After Epiphany

*Hope leads everything.  
For faith only sees what is.  
But hope sees what will be  
Charity only loves what is.  
But hope loves what will be—  
In time and for all eternity. — Charles Péguy*

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**TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION**

*Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.*

**PRELUDE** "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" Paul Manz  
Organist, Larry Gillum

**JOYFUL BELLS INTROIT** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Larson  
Director, Patti Dolezal

**WELCOME** The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Isaiah 40) Liturgist, Chuck Bonza

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**It is God who sits above the circle of the earth.**

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

**It is God who stretches out the heavens like a curtain.**

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

**Our Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the earth.**

**Let us rejoice and give thanks for our God for he is our strength and our salvation.**

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 430** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy" DARWALL'S 148TH

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Merciful God, you have entrusted us with your Word to share with others the hope that is uniquely in you. Yet, we often fail to respond to you and forget to share your love with others. God, you call us to speak the truth of your love, but we often keep our mouths silent. Forgive us and help us grow in our confidence to be disciples who share the Good News of Christ. May our words be a beacon of hope and the promise of new creation.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)

*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, Amen.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

<b>A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES</b>	<i>1 Corinthians 9:16-23, NRSV</i>	
<b>JOYFUL BELLS ANTHEM</b>	<i>"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"</i>	Ingram
<b>A READING FROM THE GOSPEL</b>	<i>Mark 1:29-39, NRSV</i>	
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<i>"Jesus Heads Out in Hope"</i>	The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey
<b>MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 306</b>	<i>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</i>	CRUSADERS' HYMN

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

G-1.402 An active member is a person who has made a profession of faith in Christ, has been baptized, has been received into membership of the church, has voluntarily submitted to the government of this church, and participates in the church's work and worship.

John Davis  
Patti Dolezal  
Sybil Gardner  
Brian Rood  
Carol Rood

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" from Cantata No. 147</i>	J.S. Bach
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>		(Hymnal # 592)

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

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**God of hope, we pray for your promise of restoration to all in need. May our gifts help those in despair see the glimmer of hope that is uniquely in you. May our prayers provide comfort to those in need. God we ask this prayer in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The congregation responds, "hear our prayer" following each petition which concludes, "God, in your grace..."*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

***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.***

#### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)*

<b>*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 536</b>	<i>"Lord Make Us More Holy"</i>
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#### \*BENEDICTION

<b>JOYFUL BELLS' RESPONSE</b>	<i>"God Be With You" (Wagner)</i>
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<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>"Lord, to You My Soul is Lifted"</i>	<i>Genevan 25 (178)</i>
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## ***The Week Ahead***

### **Wednesday, February 7**

12:00 pm—Bible Study

4:00 pm—Joyful Bells

### **Thursday, February 8**

1:00 pm—Foundation

3:00 pm—Journeys Soul Work Group

4:00 pm—Chancel Bells

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

### **Saturday, February 10**

9:00 am—Card-Making Group

### **Sunday, February 11**

8:15 am—Adult Sunday School

8:30 am—Journeys (Online and in-person)

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

*See the full church calendar on [www.pccrusa.org](http://www.pccrusa.org)*

## ***Announcements***

**Fellowship Time**—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Building and Grounds Committee.

**Annual Meeting:** today after Worship, please stay for our Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Copies of the Annual Report are in the Narthex.

**Shrove Tuesday**—Grace and Grub will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13 at the church located at 1700 Brodie Ave. Pancakes, ham, and blueberries, will be served from 4:30 until 6:00. There will be festive piano and trombone music to accompany the supper. This event is free, but it is a fundraiser for Crossroads Ministry, so your contributions are welcomed. Community members are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship as we anticipate the arrival of Lent.

**Ash Wednesday**—PCCR's Ash Wednesday Service will be at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, February 14.

**When life gets a little complicated**, can the Deacons on the Sunshine Committee help? We would be happy to supply meals to our PCCR family who are experiencing a few clouds in their life. Please contact the office or Pastor Christine if you or someone you know would like some sunshine!

**Passing the Peace**—From the Worship and Music Committee: Let us greet one another! And let us respect one another's unique needs and desires. As we pass the peace in worship, reach out in greeting to shake hands if you are comfortable doing so. If that does not feel right for you for any reason, feel free to wave, extend an elbow, or place your hands over your heart to indicate that you would like some space today.

**If you have prayer requests** you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Christine at [pastor@pccrusa.org](mailto:pastor@pccrusa.org), or call 970-586-4404 (church).

### **Church Staff**

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Terry Brigham ▪ Dennis Jacobs ▪ Jim Jonell ▪ Kent Meyer

### **Deacons**

Bill Almond ▪ Mimi Hardendorf ▪ Diane Palmer

Bonnie Vanderveen ▪ Kelley Anderson ▪ Chuck Bonza

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Brenda Gillum ▪ Jack Holmquist ▪ Joanie Kleckner



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