

# Order for the Worship of God

## Welcome & Announcements – Annual Meeting

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### GATHERING

Welcome

from Psalm 112:4,6

L The righteous rise in the darkness as a light for the upright:

**C They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

L For the righteous shall never be moved.

**C They will be remembered forever.**

Prayer

\*Opening Hymn (Blue #417)

*“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”*

Worship from the Psalms

*(from Psalm 112:1-10)*

L Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**C Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**C They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

L It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**C For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

L They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

**C Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

L They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

**C The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

Call to the Body of Christ

L There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**C There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

L God works through each person in a unique way, through which God's purposes are accomplished.

**C To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

\*Profession of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**AMEN**

Installation

Congregational Vows

Prayer of Installation

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**

### SENDING OUT

\*Closing Hymn (Blue #421)

*“The Church of Christ in Every Age”*

\*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

*“Eye Has Not Seen”*

# Welcome to our Worship!

*We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Nancy Johnston, for being liturgist today.*

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.



Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.

**College Care Packages** are going to be packed tomorrow Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. If you forgot to bring things this morning, please bring them to the church sometime later today.

The Defiance Church **Presbyterian Women and Friends** meets Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

We are having a **potluck** next Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> after worship!

**Session** meets on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Our **Ash Wednesday** service will be at Emanuel Lutheran on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Our church has purchased a table at the **Lifewise Academy Trivia Night** on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. We have room for 7-10 people to join us. Please sign up on the back table or talk with Bruce.

The NW Presbyterian pastors are having a **Session Training Event** at the Bryan Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon with lunch afterwards.

Our **Card of the Week** is going to Sandy Johnson, who is at Alpine Village.

Our Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon taken from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, <http://presbyterian.ca/worship/>.

## CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**VANCREST:** Dollie Smith

**SIMMONS CROSSING:** Connie Cobb

**ALPINE VILLAGE:** Sandy Johnson

**PRAYER LIST:** Gene & Carol Detmer, Sandee & Lenny Schweter, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Ady  Castro V squez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough's friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

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February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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[fpcnapoleon.org](http://fpcnapoleon.org) - CCLI# 2888061

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We chose selfishness over generosity, stubbornness over forgiveness, and indifference over love. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

**PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

Special Music

*“Fasting With My Cry”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

*Isaiah 58:1-9a*

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and  
did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.

You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say,

“Here I am.”

*1 Corinthians 2:1-12*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God’s wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Message

*Bruce Brown*

Prayer of Affirmation

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\* Hymn (Blue #324)

*“Open My Eyes”*

The Catholic hymn **Eye Has Not Seen** is a beloved piece of contemporary liturgical music, composed by Marty Haugen.

Soprano: Kathleen Monon Piano: Riko Higuma

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzTu1RQvaMo>

Chorus:

Eye has not seen,  
ear has not heard  
what God has ready  
for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come,  
give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.

Chorus

To those who see with eyes of faith,  
the Lord is ever near,  
reflected in the faces  
of all the poor and lowly  
of the world.

Chorus

When pain and sorrow  
weigh us down,  
be near to us, O Lord,  
forgive the weakness of our faith,  
and bear us up within  
your peaceful word.

We sing a mystery from the past  
in halls where saints have trod,  
yet ever new the music rings  
to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Chorus

Our lives are but a single breath,  
we flower and we fade,  
yet all our days are in your hands,  
so we return in love  
what love has made.

Chorus

**Fasting With My Cry | Isaiah 58 — The Fast Yah Has Chosen**

From Goshen records

This song confronts a hard truth about fasting — not every fast pleases Yah. In Isaiah 58, the people were fasting, praying, and crying out — yet Yah did not respond. Why? Because their fast was external, while injustice, pride, and oppression remained untouched.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpnlUBnwc3c>

We fasted and prayed  
but felt no reply  
We humbled our souls  
still asking you why  
Our bodies are weak  
our mouths have no breath  
But hear us, oh Yah  
As we bow our heads

to feed the hungry  
to cover the poor  
to open our home  
and close every door to pray

I'm fasting with my cry  
Not just my appetite  
I'm laying down my pride  
Here in your sight  
I'm fasting with my cry  
Let justice be my song  
Break every heavy load  
where your people belong

Fasting with my cry,  
not just my appetite  
I'm laying down my pride  
Here in your sight  
I'm fasting with my cry  
Let justice be my song  
Break every heavy load  
where your people belong

Is this not the fast  
that you have declared  
to loosen the chain  
and show that you care

The light will rise in the darkness  
Then healing will come speedily  
You will answer when we call  
Here we are, Yah  
Here. Here we are  
Here we are

I'm fasting  
I'm fasting with my cry