

# First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



February 2, 2025

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany and Communion



### Gathering

#### The Call of the Carillon

Let the carillon bells invite us into the sanctuary, where we prepare our hearts in silence to worship the Living God.

#### Prelude

*Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie*

Maurice Duruflé

### Preparing to Hear the Word

#### Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

#### Remembering our Baptisms

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship — Psalm 100, NIV

Betsy Baugh

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

#### ♦ Hymn

*God Is Here!*

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#### Prayer of Confession

O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the violence of our world,  
so much suffering through the ages, wars and holocausts, genocide and abuse.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, you have called us to live together in community,  
to consider one another as brother and sister,  
regardless of ethnicity, economic status, or popularity.

Yet we prejudice one another, refuse to love one another, and victimize one another.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

**Lord, have mercy.**

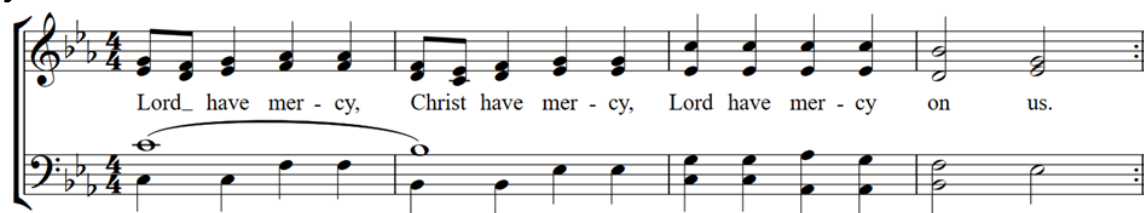
O Lord, giver of all life,  
you fearfully and wonderfully made us and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life.  
Yet we endanger the lives of one another, abuse the lives of young children among us,  
destroy those who are defenseless, and oppress those who are powerless.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

**Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

## Silent Prayer

### Kyrie



WORDS: Kyrie eleison  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

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## Assurance of Pardon

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,  
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ♦ Gloria Patri

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*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

### The Word

#### Prayer for Illumination

Betsy Baugh

#### First Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 13: 1-13

Pew Bible: NT p. 164

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Special Music

*Christ is the World's Light*

Eric H. Thiman

#### Second Scripture Reading

Luke 4: 14-30

Pew Bible: NT p. 57

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Children's Message

Eric Hooker

#### Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

### Responding to the Word

#### ♦ Hymn

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

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#### ♦ Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

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

**And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead; On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And 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.**

## Call for the Offering

Offertory

### ♦ Doxology

*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.*

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## Celebration of Communion

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

With joy we praise you gracious God. . .

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints

and all the angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

### Words of Institution

### Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

## Sending

### ♦ Hymn

*Earth's Scattered Isles and Contoured Hills*

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### Benediction

### Benediction Response

*Lead Me Lord*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make Thy way plain be - fore my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, On - ly that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8  
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME, LORD

### Postlude

*(During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated.)*

*Prelude in C Major*

J.S. Bach

### ♦ All who are able, please stand



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor  
Maria Cusick, Music Director / Organist  
Steve Ward, Media Director