

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Mary McDonald

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: God is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer,

P: Our God, our rock, in whom we take refuge.

L: God is our shield, and the giver of salvation.

P: Let us call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised!

*Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, give to Your church the courage that comes from knowing that Christ means to win that for which He died; That faith that comes with the hearing of Your Word; The commitment to service that is born and nourished in communion with You; The quality of life that comes when the cost of discipleship is declared and the strong rise up to answer, "Yes." Revive Your church, O God. Revive Your church through us, we pray. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Hymn 293 (blue)

This Is My Father's World

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess to You, O God, that we have not remembered You enough this week. We have gone our own ways without being mindful of Your presence. We have sought our own welfare without thinking of others. We have neglected Your kingdom for the pursuit of our own desires in this world. We have forgotten that there is a deeper history and providence within life which belongs to You. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us again to the remembrance of things that matter. Let our commitment to You become fresh and strong again. In Jesus' name.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

Gloria Patri

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.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

*Hymn 275 (blue)

God of Our Life

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 53:1-6

Anthem

Footprints in the Sand

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:16-21

Sermon

Finished Symphony

Rev. John Earl

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed to the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world.

Prayers of the People followed by The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 2 (blue) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*Please stand, as able

Prayer Concerns: David Beggs, friend of Chris Shepherd; Alexander Elliott, grandson of Tommy Wilson; Robert Hilton, son of Susan Morgan; Stephen Neal; Darryl Strickland, friend of Tabitha Stevens; Art and Margaret Thompson; Kennette Watkins, daughter-in-law of Neal and Trudy Watkins

Flowers this morning are given by Neal and Trudy Watkins in memory of our parents, Gertrude and Koy Dawkins, and Neal and Hattie Bell Watkins.

Today, our youth will collect money for Souper Bowl of Caring. All donations will be used to feed the hungry right here in our community at Hamlet Soup Kitchen.

Youth meets today at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women meet tomorrow at 1:00pm in the Library.

We serve lunch at Hamlet Soup Kitchen on Wednesday. Let us know if you would like to join the cook team.

Next Sunday is Ramen Day. Don't forget to bring noodles for Our Daily Bread.

Online giving portal - <https://www.eservicepayments.com> or scan this QR code with your phone's camera.

Website - Rockinghamfpc.org



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