# Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

**JANUARY 15. 2023** 

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: "The Church is the Church only when it exists for others."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE** 

**Ed Hemmes** 

arr. D. Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE: "Happy Land"

Organ, Choir

# **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Ed Hemmes

One: Eternal God,

your Son, Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all,

pours out his gifts on the church.

All: Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives,

keep us in the bond of peace,

and bring all creation to worship before your throne;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Amen

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Ed Hemmes

Gracious God, we name You as Emmanuel – ever-present, God with us. And yet we fail to recognize You in our daily lives: Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to give courageously. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we assume we are stuck. We seek Your mercy in this New Year. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in Your image and likeness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION** 

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** 

Ed Hemmes

\*Sung response: #581 "Gloria Patri"

# **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S TIME: Rev. Chris Scrivens

Children will be dismissed to Sunday School following the children's message.

<sup>\*</sup> Opening Hymn: #353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** 

Prophets: Isaiah 49:1-7 OT pg. 638 Ed Hemmes

Gospel: John 1:29-42 NT pg. 86 Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Chris Scrivens

\*HYMN: #175 "Seek Ye First"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD** 

CALL FOR THE OFFERING – Ed Hemmes

OFFERTORY: "I Danced in the Morning" Shaker Tune/arr. S. Carter

Senior Choir

Congregation joins in on 5th Verse

They cut me down and I leap up high; I am the life that will never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in Me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Ed Hemmes

PRAYER REQUESTS Rev. Chris Scrivens

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

Rev. Chris Scrivens

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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN: #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Scrivens

SENDING HYMN: #547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" verse 1 All

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine for ever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

POSTLUDE: "Simple Gifts" arr. J Behnke

\*Please rise in body or in Spirit.

**About the Music**: The prelude, offertory and postlude are all based on 19<sup>th</sup> Century American

Hymn Tunes. Enjoy!!

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# Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .

Minister: Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens

Lay Assistant: Ed Hemmes

Director of Family Ministries: Elder Carolyn Bearlepp

Music Director: Matt Petrozelli Guest Organist: Vicki Kopacka

Ushers: Deacon Andy Volante and Sebastian

Fellowship & Coffee:

Welcome to our In-person and virtual Worship Service. Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they do not know and introduce visitors to us.



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