

# **Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!**

**January 31, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**10:00 a.m.**

*Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.*

Quote for Meditation: *“Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.”* - 1 Corinthians 8:5-6

**GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**PRELUDE:**

**“Jesus Paid It All”**

*Mark Hayes*

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Living God,  
in Christ you make all things new

***All: Transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen***

**Opening Hymn: #450**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

*We have heard it said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind." Loving God, we confess how often we have fallen short of the commands. We confess our pride, our arrogance, our sense of privilege and our assumption that the things we say and do are pleasing in your sight when we know in our hearts they are not. Forgive us God of Grace, and help us to set our hearts on you. Amen.*

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Sung response: "Gloria Patri" Cantor Matt Petrozelli

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.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

First Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

**Response:**

One: This is the Word of God.  
All: *Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON: "Keeping it Simple, or How to Speak Faithfully and Avoid Gilding the Lily"**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Mark Hayes

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING** - (*in-person worshippers are welcome to leave offerings in the plate by the door on your way out.*)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER** 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**

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**POSTLUDE:**

"Reflection" Mark Hayes

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

Pastor:	The Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Director of Family Ministries:	Deacon Melissa Ash
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Organist:	Mary Elizabeth Rawley

Welcome to our Virtual as well as Indoor Worship Service. Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they do not know and introduce visitors to us.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, February 7: Isaiah 40:21-31 *and Psalm 147:1-11, 20c*; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.



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