

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 16, 2022
EPIPHANY 2 – YEAR C

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carol Davis' sister, Susan, made a donation to our JCPC music program in memory of her sister and in honor of Joe Davis. Thanks be to God!

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley invites you to:

Family Winter Fun Day

Saturday, February 12, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pavilion Lodge at Ellison Park

Sponsored by the Relationships Working Group of the Presbytery

Beat the Winter Blues!
Miracle Cure for Cabin Fever!
Create a Snow Angel
Build a Castle out of Snow!

Who can predict the weather, but we are encouraging people to dress warmly and bring their winter gear for **skating, sledding, skiing, hiking, and snow play!** We have the lodge reserved, and we will be **servicing soup and bread, hot chocolate and bottled water** throughout the day.

We will have a brief moment for **outdoor worship** at noon,
but otherwise it's all play!

Of course, we are abiding by masking requirements and social distancing guidelines inside the lodge, and urge caution outside as well.

Price: Free Value: Priceless

Anyone and everyone is welcome to come for forty minutes or four hours, but **we do need you to make a reservation** if you plan to consume any of the free food or drinks.

[Register here](#)

Ellison Park is located on the east side of Rochester, reachable from the Blossom Road exit off of I-590. We will post signs that morning.

Questions, weather predictions, well-wishes from Cancun? Please call or text Rev. Jim Renfrew (585-813-2934)

Please feel free to email **prayer joys and concerns** to Rev. Marie at myhansel@yahoo.com and they will be shared with the congregation as a whole so we may continue to support one another. If you wish to share a prayer concern only with Rev. Marie that request will also be honored.

There will be no in-person services of worship held at John Calvin Presbyterian church through the end of January. Session will reassess the situation at its next meeting and determine whether or not to resume in-person worship in February.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will take place remotely via ZOOM meeting on Sunday, January 30 at 11:00 a.m. Please watch your email for the ZOOM invitation and be sure to join. We need a quorum to meet.

Rev. Marie will share worship resources each week and encourages you to take time either alone or with family and friends to consider God's word.

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO HEAR THE MUSIC/VIEW THE VIDEO.

WHEN YOU ARE READY, CLICK ON THE BACK ARROW TO RETURN TO THE WORSHIP GUIDE.

PRELUDE – Largo from Xerxes - Handel

<https://vimeo.com/430363860>

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (*Psalm 46*)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

Be still and know that I am God!

HYMN – Be Still and Know I Am God

<https://vimeo.com/11384375>

Hide me now under your wings.

Cover me within your mighty hand.

When the oceans rise and thunders roar, I will soar with you above the storm.

Father, you are king over the flood. And I will be still and know you are God.

I rest my soul in Christ alone. Know his power in quietness and trust.

When the oceans rise and thunders roar, I will soar with you above the storm.

Father, you are king over the flood. And I will be still and know you are God.

When the oceans rise and thunders roar, I will soar with you above the storm.

Father, you are king over the flood. And I will be still and know you are God.

I will be still and know you are God. I will be still and know you are God,

Be still and know that I am God, be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

I am the God that healeth thee; I am the God that healeth thee;

I am the God that healeth thee.

When the oceans rise and thunders roar, I will soar with you above the storm.

Father, you are king over the flood. And I will be still and know you are God.

I will be still and know you are God. I will be still and know you are God,

I will be still and know you are God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*Romans 8:34, 2 Cor. 5:17*)

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

<https://vimeo.com/401722948>

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.

PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive) (based on James 3)

Jesus came to bring peace among us. Let us sow the seeds for peace in our world by sharing the peace of Christ with one another, stranger and friend alike.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Perhaps you could take some time today to send an email, make a phone call, send a card to someone who would appreciate knowing that they are loved.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION¹ (Unison)

Holy God, we need the guidance of your word. Help us be honest with ourselves and with you in this sacred moment of proclamation. Amen.

Isaiah 25:6-10 New Revised Standard Version

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

¹⁰ For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

ANTHEM "The Prayer"

<https://vimeo.com/381389459>

International vocalists Julie Seechuk and Christopher M. Allport team up to sing the epic duet by David Foster, Carole Bayer Sager, Alberto Testa and Tony Renis.

You may want to begin the video and then flip back to follow along with the words printed below.

I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go
And help us to be wise in times when we don't know
Let this be our prayer, when we lose our way
Lead us to the place, guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe

La luce che tu dai
I pray we'll find your light
Nel cuore resterà
And hold it in our hearts
A ricordarci che
When stars go out each night
Eterna stella sei
Nella mia preghiera
Let this be our prayer
Quanta fede c'è
When shadows fill our day

Lead us to a place, *guide us with your grace*
Give us faith so we'll be safe

Sogniamo un mondo senza più violenza
Un mondo di giustizia e di speranza
Ognuno dia la mano al suo vicino
Simbolo di pace, di fraternità

La forza che ci da
We ask that life be kind
E il desiderio che
And watch us from above
Ognuno trovi amor
We hope each soul will find
Intorno e dentro se
Another soul to love

Let this be our prayer
Let this be our prayer, *just like every child*
Just like every child
Need to find a place, guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe
È la fede che
Hai acceso in noi
Sento che ci salverà

John 2:1-11 *New Revised Standard Version*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him,

“Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON “In the Beginning – How It All Ends”

Kristin Adkins Whitesides, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winchester, Virginia

<https://vimeo.com/662705696>

PLEASE NOTE: a manuscript of today’s sermon is attached for those who would prefer to read it rather than watch the video.

HYMN #483 “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

<https://vimeo.com/561092662>

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled, And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty power hath made, God’s gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade God’s watchful eye ne’er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God’s might, Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, But through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, Our peace and joy, and blessing;
As with a mother’s tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed 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.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of esin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRESENTING OUR LIVES AND OUR OFFERINGS¹

Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance. Grateful for all we have been given, let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

You may make an offering to the church via our church website <https://jcpconthehill.org/> or by mailing your offering to the address below.

*John Calvin Presbyterian Church
Attn: Financial Secretary
P.O. Box 103, Henrietta, NY 14467*

***RESPONSE #34 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

<https://vimeo.com/404078427>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹ (Unison)

Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God’s extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE¹ (Responsive) (Based on Psalm 46)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayer Requests from Nancy Milizia (carried over from last week)

- For the 94 year old father of an ex-neighbor. He's in the hospital for Covid. It's affecting his heart and not his lungs. Heart rate is erratic. Al Gabyrzak
- For my 9 year old granddaughter, Emma, who tested positive today for Covid as well as our son, Peter, who is taking care of her and is showing early signs of covid. All are vaccinated. I pray that the rest of their family, Sherene and grandson Evan do not catch it.
- Prayers for Reta Crombe who has been in Highland Hospital since last week. She is feeling better and will be moving to a nursing home in Rochester on Tuesday.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayer Request from Rev. Marie (update)

- For Lisa Kesel – does not have Covid and is back to work – feeling much better.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On-going prayer requests

- Prayers for continued healing for Bev Little following her surgery. Update: Bev is doing well and been declared cancer-free. Alleluia!
- Prayers for Joe Davis and family.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

- Prayers for Barb Marsh's granddaughter, Amore, who is in the Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse with Kawasaki disease. Last report was that she is improving.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our refuge and strength,

Shelter us from life's storms, from pandemic pain, from heartache and loss. Strengthen us to withstand the worry, the exhausting but necessary work, the temptations to stray from you toward idols who only offer fleeting comfort. Hold us close, like the mother hen who covers her chicks with her wing, so we can know we are yours, feel your steady presence, and know your peace.

God, you are in the midst of the city, the nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter. Help us to know your presence among us, God, comfort us with the strength of your guidance in a world experiencing so much pain and upheaval. May our world's leaders walk humbly and practice

faithful discernment, surrounding themselves with honest truth-tellers who will hold them to your ethic of love and justice.

Come, let us behold the works of God, let us be still and know our God.

God, help us be still. Help us to forget about the work still left undone, the chores piling up, the deadlines approaching. Help us to rest here, in your presence. Help us behold you and belong to you. We cannot continue without the rest you provide. Help us embrace this stillness as your great gift.

United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, Savior God. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

**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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***HYMN** "O Spirit of the Living God"

<https://vimeo.com/437653140>

**O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine
Descend upon thy church once more and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
Til Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.**

**Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blinds our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
To preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.**

**So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
So shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
And earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
Til, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

God's grace is extravagant and abundant,
Know this grace in your life
Share this grace with others.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and abide with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE –

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor BWV 847 from The Well-Tempered Clavier Book 1 by
J.S. Bach performed by 10-year-old pianist, Antonio "Nio" Ajero.

<https://vimeo.com/110503017>

Morning Prayer²

Delivering God, you have safely brought me to this new day. Keep me free from all dangers, perils, and troubles. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen my focus as I seek to follow Christ and to humbly serve your truth. Amen.

Evening Prayer²

Redeeming God, by your mighty hand you have safely brought me to this night, and for this and all other mercies, I give you thanks. Post your angels around me this night that I may rest in peace. Amen.

¹*Presbyterian Outlook 2022, 1/16/2022, liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution*

²*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion-Liturgies for Year 1 – Volume 1, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long; Westminster John Knox Press*

³*Book of Common Worship*