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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

February 3, 2019

11:00am

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Greeting

(Please complete Prayer Concerns)

Gathering Prayer:

God of life, death, and resurrection, we are grateful for life and all its gifts. Increase in us the stuff that life is made of—faith, hope, and love, but especially love—that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ, our lover and our Lord. Amen.

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

From the very beginning, God calls us.

God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

God is with us and sustains us.

Let us worship God.

***Opening Song of Praise:** "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

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(Prayer Concerns Collected)

AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

***Call to Confession**

Trust in the One who made us and redeemed us. Let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

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Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us a more excellent way, a way of love that is greater than all other ways. We confess that we have neglected love. We have failed to receive it, and we have failed to extend it. We tie it up with conditions. We make it conform to our terms. We cannot accept that it is boundless.

Forgive our timid responses to your great gift. Open us to love's possibilities, and expand our view of what love can accomplish, even in us. We pray in the name of the one who is love made flesh, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

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Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God. By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.

Gloria: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

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Our Faithful Response: "Lord, When I Came into this Life"

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Time With Young Disciples

LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, **5** "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." **7** But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." **9** Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. **10** See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Luke 4:21-31

21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." **22** All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" **23** He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" **24** And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. **25** But the truth is, there

were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

³¹He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbath.

Sermon: "Let's Hear It for the Boy!"

The Rev. Leslie Latham

RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering:

Friends, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds through the tithes and offerings that we give today.

Offertory:

***Praising God's Goodness - Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication:**

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O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn Before Communion: "Come to the Table of Grace" vv. 1-3

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup (The congregation will walk down the center aisle, take the bread, dip it into the cup and eat.)

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

***Hymn of Sending:** "Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"

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***Benediction:**

***Postlude:**

* Those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP AIDS:

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers.

Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church

Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.

Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.

New Prayer Concerns or Joys

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Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week: Family of Kenneth Brinker; Judy Geerkin, Ruth Gebera, and Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Continuing Prayers: Scott Greenawalt, Tim, Pat & Bob Erisman, Alvin Marohn, and Kris Yettra, Ruth Gebera, Paul Card, refugees at the Mexican Border, Nadia, and Joey.

Prayers and caring for our homebound: Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; J. Robert Weber; Ruth Weber; Richard Weber; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; and Sue Strasser

Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.

We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319

LITURGIST: Joya Palermo

GREETERS: Nancy Dietrich

USHERS: Team 4

STEPHEN MINISTERS: are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

REMINDER: Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

Memory Lane: The next Memory Lane will meet on February 19. There are many opportunities for you to help in volunteering and no monthly commitment. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. If you know someone that may benefit from this program, please contact one of the Respite Committee members.

Service of Blessing and Healing: Wednesday, February 20 @ 6:30pm at First Presbyterian Church 149 Broad Street, Tonawanda, will hold an evening service devoted to healing and wholeness, which will include communion. This is a "come as you are" service, open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness for their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join us in the sanctuary.

Basket Raffle and Chili Sale: Saturday, February 23 from 12pm-3pm. Mission and Outreach Committee is asking for donations of baskets that can be raffled that day with proceeds to benefit the mission trip to Puerto Rico. In order to make this event a success, it is important that we receive a number of baskets to raffle. Won't you consider donating a basket or two? Tell your family and friends about this event, it is open to the public. Betsy Crocker can be contacted for further information. Please help make this event a success.

Distinguished Speaker Series: Wednesday, February 27 at 7pm in the parlor. Mission and Outreach Committee has invited Pat Loeswick to speak. She is a former Social Studies Teacher in Tonawanda and has presented various, interesting talks to the community. This talk will feature an interesting story about President McKinley. This is a free event and open to the public; so tell your family and friends.

February 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 UFO 7p	2 Presbyterian Women's Winter Gathering – Orchard Park Pres Church 10:30am
3 Sunday School 9:30a Worship/Communion 11a	4 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	5 Deacons 1p	6 Mission & Outreach Team 6p - Gigi's Restaurant	7 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p Worship 6p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	8 UFO 7p	9
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17 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Hunger Sunday	18 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p Office Closed	19 Memory Lane 10:30a-2:30p	20 Healing Service 6:30p	21 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	22 UFO 7p	23 Basket Raffle & Chili Sale 12p-3p
24 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Bible Study 12:15p	25 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	26	27 Distinguished Speakers Series: 7p Pat Loeswick	28 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p		