

The Presbyterian Church of Palatine
4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2011

10:00 a.m.

We Prepare for God's Word

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: From the corners of this city, from the confusion of life, from the loneliness of our hearts

People: Gather us, O God.

Leader: To feed our minds, to fire our imagination, to free our hearts

People: Gather us, O God

***Opening Prayer**

God of surprises, startle us with truth we do not see, amaze us with your power and grace, beckon us, and lead us far above restricted hope and narrow faith. **Amen.**

***Hymn #258**

Praise Ye the Lord

Litany of Confession

Almighty God: you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you. **Amen.**

From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from a calculating or sentimental mind; from going along with mean and ugly things;

O God, deliver us.

From cowardice that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; or arrogance that thinks we know it all;

O God, deliver us.

From artificial life and worship; from all that is hollow or insincere;

O God, deliver us.

From trite ideals and cheap pleasures; from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor;

O God, deliver us.

From being dull, pompous, or rude; from putting down our neighbors;

O God, deliver us.

From cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference;

O God, deliver us.

From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice;

O God, deliver us.

From selfishness, self-indulgence, or self-pity;

O God, deliver us.

Time of Silent Confession

The people offer their personal confessions to God

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Song of Thanksgiving #78** (verse 1) *There Is a Redeemer*

(Lift Up Your Hearts Songbook)

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your Son,

And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

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***Passing the Peace of Christ** *(The congregation may greet one another with the words "The peace of Christ" and a gesture of waving or a handshake.)*

Anthem

No Greater Gift

Schram

Children's Moment

(please sing as the children leave the chancel)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

We Listen for and Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, as Jesus taught his disciples, so teach us as your Word is read and proclaimed. Prepare our hearts to be like fertile soil in which your truth may be planted deeply, watered frequently and harvested richly. **Amen.**

Reading from the Old Testament

Micah 6: 6-8

pg. 757

Reading from the New Testament (unison) Matthew 5: 1-12

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking with God

Rev. Watt

We Respond to the Word of God

***Hymn #471** (verses 1, 2, 3, 7)

O Praise the Gracious Power

Ordination of Youth Elder

Blake Benzo

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Announcements

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

We Take God's Word into the World

***Benediction**

Postlude

***Please stand if you are able**

Welcome to all who visit with us today! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Please sign the black friendship pads located in each pew
and pass them to others.

This Morning

Lay Reader: Anita Kern

Ushers: Lizanne Lehman (Head), Steve Berg, Bill Griffin, Mary Lou Griffin

Nursery Attendants: Rupal & Davis Taylor