

The Presbyterian Church of Palatine
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2012

10:00 a.m.

We Prepare for God's Word

Lord, in this season of Epiphany, as we think about the revealing of Jesus, we pray that you would open our eyes to see him more clearly. Help us understand fully the glories of Jesus' life and his love for us.

We pray, too, that you would open our hearts to understand that you have made us Christ's body, that you have brought us together as your church to represent Jesus to those around us. Help us know that we need one another. Illumine our church, Lord. Bring us to dependence on you and dependence on one another. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come gather together here in the presence of Christ, who is our friend and healer.

People: We have entered here, and in our worship together we yearn for hope and comfort.

Leader: Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.

People: We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.

Leader: Here we are welcome and loved and cherished.

People: Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and give God praise.

***Opening Hymn #420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Come, therefore, let us confess the ways we have acted without integrity. Let us confess and be true to ourselves in God, so that we may know ourselves forgiven.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have been false to one another and have not spoken the truth. We have sinned in our anger, we have not worked honestly, and we have not always shared with the needy. Evil talk has come out of our mouths, and our words have not given grace to those who hear. We have grieved the Holy Spirit of God because we have not imitated God, nor have we lived in love. Sacrifice has not been part of our lifestyle. Give us the grace of your forgiveness, O God. Make us know that to be your beloved children means to take on your burdens and to love your people, not to be complacent about our gifts. Help us to be honest through and through, so that we may praise you with our whole being. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

***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

Give Me Jesus

arr. Shackley

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

Gracious Savior, you have the words of eternal life. As the Scripture is read and preached in this hour, empower us to hear it with humility and openness, so that hearing it, we may respond with courage and conviction. **Amen.**

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 130

pg. 500

Reading from the New Testament

Ephesians 2:1-10

pg. 949

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

Sermon

The Trace of Grace

Dr. Dempsey

We Respond to the Word of God

***Hymn #280**

Amazing Grace

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

***Hymn #356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***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: Barbara Churchill

Ushers: Jane Stevenson (Head), Kelly Gordon, Bill Griffin, Mary Lou Griffin

Nursery Attendants: Lesley Brand, Joe Brand, Kara Strickland