

## Lord's Day Worship

January 23, 2022

\*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

### PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

\* Opening Hymn      *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

### RENEWAL

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we should be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** (silent prayer)

\* Song              *"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"*

Reception of New Members

Pastoral Prayer & 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.**

### COMMITMENT

Offering/Offertory                      *"Jesus, Your Name"*

Old Testament Reading                      Isaiah 61:1-3

\* Hymn                      *"Break Now the Bread of Life"*

New Testament Reading                      Luke 4:14-21

Sermon                      *"Fulfilled In Your Hearing"*

Prayer

\* Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (c. 3<sup>rd</sup> century)

**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 Spirit, 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Closing Song                      *"Across the Lands"*

\* Benediction

\* Dismissal

Church, where are you going?

**We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Glory to God!

### Rabbi Jesus

*And [Jesus] taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. – Luke 4:15-16 (ESV)*

Jesus is a rabbi, which means "my teacher." He taught the truth. The Greek imperfect tense of the verb *taught* (*edidasken – he was teaching*) indicates the central role that teaching played in the ministry of Jesus. Modern people are often more impressed by acts of compassion or ministries of "presence" than they are with the teaching of objective truth. The modern world prefers feelings over truth. But a good deed, even a miracle, can be misunderstood; and even if properly understood, may not evoke a commitment.

Teaching involves a word. A word is capable of greater precision and penetration than any subjective feeling. God created all things by His Word, and brought Israel into existence and sustained her through the words of the prophets. Jesus both *is* the Word of God and *declares* the Word of God, calling us to follow Him, and follow His teaching.

Truth without love can be harsh. Love without truth can be sentimental and morally lazy. Jesus came to us, as John's Gospel says, *full of grace and truth* (John 1:14). At the Mount of Transfiguration, the voice of God the Father said, "This is my beloved Son; *listen to him*" (Mark 9:7). Are we listening?

Pastor Phil Moran



# CHRIST

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything.” Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

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“Fulfilled In Your Hearing”  
Luke 4:14-21

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